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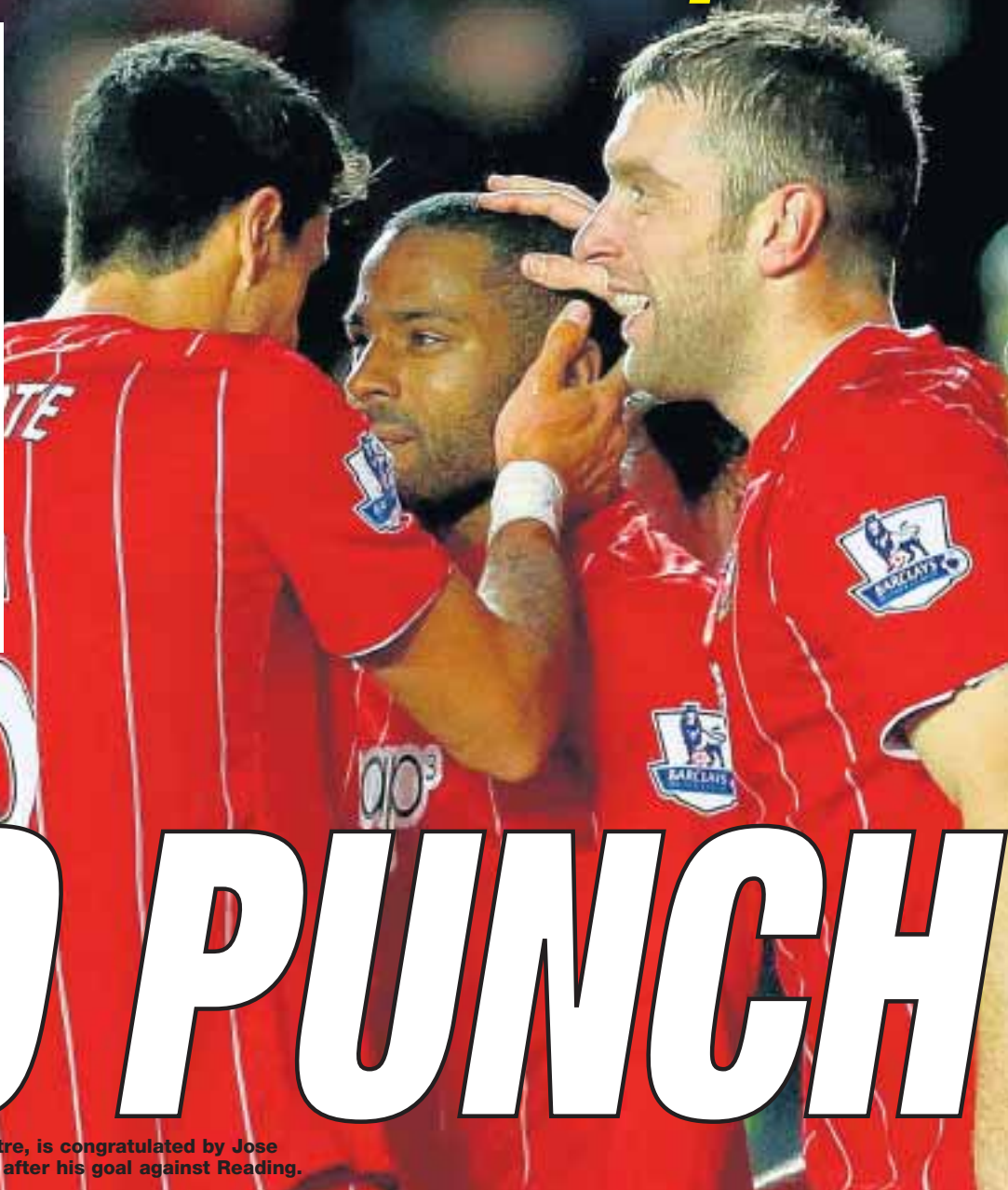
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WINNER: Jason Puncheon, centre, is congratulated by Jose Fonte, left, and Rickie Lambert after his goal against Reading.

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SUPER SAINTS THEIR SURVIVAL

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Saints started impressively, pushing Reading back right from the off.

They had a good chance to

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take the lead as early as the second minute, with Jay Rodriguez firing into the side netting after latching on to Jose Fonte's nod down from Luke Shaw's deep ball into the box.

Rickie Lambert then sent a half-volley wide from the edge of the area, after Rodriguez had a shot charged down.

Reading were struggling to escape their own half, and were fortunate to still be level in the eighth minute, as Saints put together a magnificent move.

A prolonged period of passing ended with Puncheon feeding Clyne on the overlap down the right.

His low ball into the box picked out Morgan Schneiderlin at the near post,

but the midfielder diverted the ball just wide.

Lallana got a first sight of goal when he linked up with Lambert, controlling the striker's knockdown on his chest before hitting a shot straight at Federici from the edge of the area.

Reading's first effort arrived in the 19th minute, as Jason Roberts moved out to the right wing, delivering a skidding cross that was met by the right foot of Jay Tabb. However, the Royals midfielder's effort was well off target.

Saints immediately returned to the front foot, with Lallana displaying some impressive footwork on the edge of the box to open up some space, before putting a shot over the bar.

The Royals provided a



reminder that they still possessed a threat when Tabb drove forward in the 28th minute and hit a shot from the edge of the box that Kelvin Davis turned away.

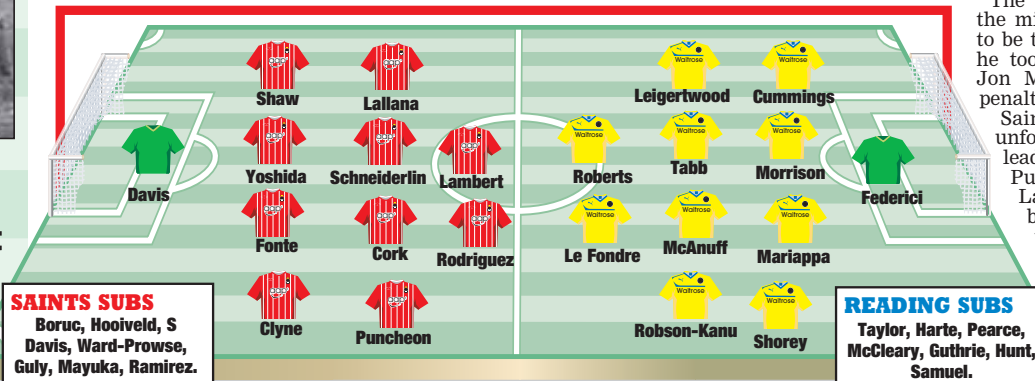
The ball rebounded back to the midfielder, who appeared to be tripped by Jack Cork as he took a touch, but referee Jon Moss did not award a penalty.

Saints were desperately unfortunate not to take the lead in the 33rd minute, as Puncheon headed in Lallana's corner at the back post, only for Moss to rule the goal out for a foul by Maya Yoshida on Federici.

It was a harsh decision, with replays suggesting there was little wrong. If anything, it was Federici who had given Yoshida a slight shove.

Worryingly, Saints lost Lallana to injury just before half-time. The midfielder hurt his knee after Tabb accidentally fell into him, leading to Gaston Ramirez being brought on in his place.

The hosts came close to a



SAINTS made two changes from the side that lost 1-0 at Liverpool last weekend.

Gaston Ramirez was not fit enough to start, having only returned from compassionate leave in Uruguay on Friday. The club-record signing was handed

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a place on the bench, with Jay Rodriguez starting up front alongside Rickie Lambert.

Kelvin Davis replaced Paulo Gazzaniga in goal, with the Argentine

suffering from a shoulder injury. Artur Boruc was named as substitute keeper.

Reading were unchanged from the team that lost 4-3 to Manchester United last weekend, with striker Pavel Pogrebnyak failing to overcome injury in time for the game.

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RELIEF: Saints players celebrate after the final whistle.



breakthrough almost immediately, as Shaun Cummings had to clear Yoshida's header from Puncheon's corner off the line. It was the Royals who actually went closest, however, as Hal Robson-Kanu planted a header against the post from eight yards in added time.

Puncheon had the first effort of the second period, drilling in a low right-foot shot from the edge of the area that Federici turned round the post.

Saints continued to press and Rodriguez fired in an effort after 56 minutes, chesting the ball down 20 yards out before pulling a shot on the turn just wide of the post.

The pressure finally told in the 61st minute, as the home side at last claimed the lead.

Clyne got down the right wing and looked up before playing a perfectly-weighted ball into the path of Puncheon. The midfielder took one

ABOVE: Jason Puncheon slams in the winner.

LEFT: Reading's Nicky Shorey defends a shot from Jay Rodriguez.

touch with his left foot to set himself, before slamming a right-foot shot into the far corner.

The hard-earned lead was nearly intact for only a few minutes, but Jobi McAnuff sliced his effort wide after cutting dangerously inside onto his right foot inside the Saints area.

Reading manager Brian McDermott then made his first change of the afternoon, substituting centre half Sean Morrison and replacing him with former Saints loanee Alex Pearce.

The Royals boss made another change, in the 69th minute, as Noel Hunt was brought on for Tabb.

Robson-Kanu had a sight of goal with 20 minutes remaining, as the ball dropped to him in the box, but his shot on the



turn through a crowd of players was lacking power and was straight at Davis in goal.

The Royals midfielder tried to turn provider a minute later, as he swung in a cross that an outstretched Adam Le Fondre headed back across goal and just wide of the post.

McDermott made his final change in the 77th minute, bringing off Robson-Kanu and throwing on the lively Garath McCleary.

Adkins responded with a change of his own, taking off Rodriguez and replacing him with Guly do Prado.

As the Brazilian forward entered the fray, there was a smattering of boos from the home fans.

Puncheon tried his luck from long distance in the 84th minute, but his left-foot shot skidded just wide of the post.

Guly went close moments later, whipping a shot in from the corner of the penalty area that only just cleared the bar.

The substitute could have sealed the win two minutes from time, when Jack Cork found him around about the penalty spot, but his low right-foot shot was kept out by Federici.

It didn't matter, though, as Adkins' men safely saw out the three minutes of injury time to earn a vital win.

Punch perfect for boss

SAINTS manager Nigel Adkins praised match winner Jason Puncheon for his maturity after his strike earned the club a valuable victory against Reading.

The midfielder's fourth goal of the season separated the sides at St Mary's and capped another impressive performance from the 26-year-old.

Puncheon appeared to be on his way out of Saints a year ago, but resolved differences he had with the club and has now become an integral part of the first-team.

"He's good, he's matured, he's had a good pre-season with us, he's come back, it's a fresh start if you like and he's grasped it with both hands," said Adkins.

"It just shows how if you work very hard, adapt to the culture you're surrounded with, and grow and mature - and he's done that."

Saints fully deserved their win, and Adkins admitted the margin of victory should have been greater.

"I thought we dominated the game, I thought we were worthy winners," he said. "The amount of chances we created, we should have put a few more in the back of the net."

"We played a good tempo of football, a variety of attacks and it was a good 1-0 victory for us."

The one concern from the afternoon for Saints was an injury that forced captain Adam Lallana off in the first half.

"He's picked up a knee injury," Adkins confirmed. "As a precaution, as we always do, he's in a brace and on crutches and we will assess him tomorrow and take him from there."



ABOVE: Sean Morrison and Rickie Lambert battle for the ball.

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FOOTBALL BOOKS OF THE YEAR

WE'VE enjoyed a phenomenal year of sport, yet still football dominates our sporting landscape and booksellers' shelves. We'll deal with 'other' sports next week, but here's our top 5 football books of the year – available to win as one package in a fantastic pre-Christmas competition.

(5) *Inside the Divide* by Richard Wilson

There is one Scottish fixture which continues to proclaim its importance to outsiders – the noisy, occasionally lawless and invariably tumultuous Old Firm derby, a game which epitomises the phrase 'intense rivalry'.

Wilson captures the Old Firm matchday mood perfectly, using the duel to examine the integral role it continues to play in working class life.

(4) *Underdogs: The Unlikely Story of Football's First FA Cup Heroes* by Keith Dewhurst

In 1879, the FA Cup produced its first giant killing when a team from Darwen, Lancashire, including two Scots, Jimmy Love and Fergus Suter, played at Kennington Oval.

Love and Suter were football's first professionals, although professionalism had been outlawed by the FA which feared that paying players would ruin the game; how prescient those fears proved.

An engaging tale, mixing social history with what could be called the roots of modern football.

(3) *Red Card Roy* by Roy McDonough with Bernie Friend

McDonough and Friend have produced a hugely enjoyable mix of tabloid-esque anecdotes and daring-do tales, mostly from the lower divisions, all leavened with a surprising poignancy. Throughout, the language could be considered 'industrial'.

(2) *Be Careful What You Wish For* by Simon Jordan

Simon Jordan proves you should never judge a book by its cover because this is one of the very best football books you will ever read.

He is searingly honest about occasionally misjudging the likely outcome of a business venture, a feature which endears him to the reader. However, the beginning of the end for his involvement at Selhurst Park came with a missed penalty at Bristol City. Once a brewing financial crisis was added, matters unravelled much faster than Jordan expected. Compelling stuff.

(1) *Got, Not Got: The A-Z of Lost Football Culture, Treasures & Pleasures* by Derek Hammond & Gary Silke

This is an absolute gem of a book from which football fans of every age may extract something to amuse, recall, regret or simply enjoy. A purer, less cynical era is depicted throughout a book which is an absolute joy to read.

Quiz question:

We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month to offer the perfect Christmas prize – all five of our top football books of the year.

To win this week's fantastic prize, go to their website (sportsbookofthemonth.com) and answer the following question:

How many senior England caps did Bobby Moore win?



Big test for Skrtel

LIVERPOOL defender Martin Skrtel is looking forward to the rough and tumble of the physical challenge posed by West Ham tomorrow.

The Slovakia defender will not face on-loan Anfield team-mate Andy Carroll, who would have been ineligible to play even if he had not been ruled out for two months with a knee injury.

But he expects a similar test from another big frontman - Carlton Cole.

Cole scored his first goal of the season in the 3-1 win over Chelsea last

weekend. Skrtel knows he can be a handful, but is ready for the challenge.

"For me, it is better if they play with a big striker because that is what I like," Skrtel said.

"But it is no different who is playing, whether it's Andy or Carlton Cole.

"They are all dangerous and we have to focus for 90 minutes.

"It's going to be a difficult, physical game and we have to be ready for that."

Liverpool's defensive stability has

returned of late with players other than Luis Suarez finding the net.

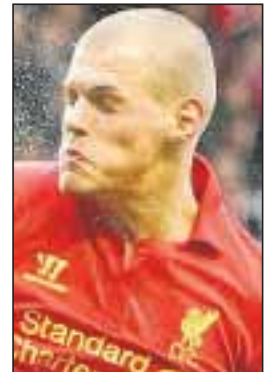
Skrtel continued: "We have tightened up in recent weeks.

"It wasn't working well at the beginning of the season because too many things had changed, but in the last few weeks we have started to play better.

"Confidence is growing and we just have to carry on this way.

"The period up to and over Christmas is very important.

"We have to get as many points as we can and get closer to the top four."



MARTIN SKRTEL

FERGIE CONFIDENT DESPITE INJURIES

Sir Alex Ferguson insists he has the numbers to cope ahead of the first Manchester derby of the season.

The Manchester United boss has confirmed Anderson, Nani and Antonio Valencia will miss tomorrow's Etihad Stadium encounter.

In addition, Ferguson says the game is too soon for Japan forward Shinji Kagawa and that skipper Nemanja Vidic is unwilling to risk another setback after spending virtually 12 months on the sidelines with major knee problems.

Yet Ferguson does not view the absences as a handicap, more of a predictable inconvenience ahead of a big game.

"I know we have some injury problems but we are not short of a squad," Ferguson told MUTV.

"I have plenty of experience to bring in. I rested Darren Fletcher against Cluj on Wednesday and just brought him on for the last 10 minutes.

"Michael Carrick will be back in. I also have Ashley Young, Wayne Rooney, Robin van Persie, Danny Welbeck and Javier Hernandez.

"That is what big squads allow you to do.

"You don't have every player every week. Our supporters must recognise that.

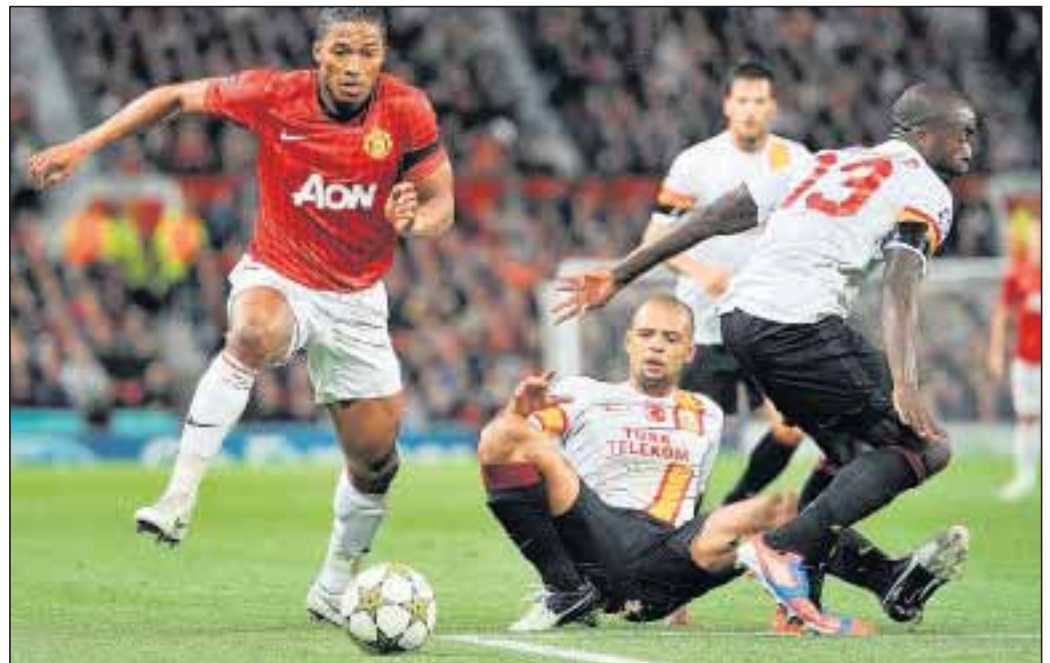
"Over the years we have had injury situations. Every club gets them.

"Normally you work on 10 per cent of your squad being out every week with some sort of injury.

"That is the situation we are in at the moment but it is not desperate by any means."

The Vidic situation is an interesting one.

Ferguson has repeatedly stated the Serbian's desire not to push



OUT: Antonio Valencia, left, will miss tomorrow's derby clash.

himself.

However, he is training and his presence could prove to be the answer as Ferguson tries to find a solution for his side's defensive frailties that risk being exposed by a City side boasting some obvious dangers in the air, not least Vincent Kompany, who scored the winner in last season's corresponding game from the kind of set-piece United are having nightmares with.

And with Aleksandar Kolarov ruled out and Gael Clichy doubtful, Antonio Valencia could be a potent

weapon.

Victory would not only open up a six-point lead on the most obvious threat to their title hopes, but end a cycle of depressing results against their neighbours.

While Roberto Mancini is a very different character to Ferguson, he has managed to inject City with the same streak that has made United so hard to beat down the years.

"They are playing similarly to last year," said Ferguson.

"Early season last year they did very well.

"But as the season progressed they were in the same place they are now.

"They are still scoring late goals, which is a strong trait if you are going to win a championship.

"It shows you that they are not going to give in.

"They are dangerous in the last few minutes of matches, especially Edin Dzeko.

"When they bring him on, they have certain traits that are easily identifiable."

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PARDEW: THIS IS A CRITICAL PERIOD

ALAN Pardew admits the destiny of Newcastle's season could be decided in the next two months.

The Magpies head for Fulham on Monday night knowing they face a difficult run of fixtures, with Manchester City, Manchester United and Arsenal all waiting in the wings before the end of 2012.

Injuries to Yohan Cabaye and Steven Taylor and Cheick Tiote's impending departure for the African Nations Cup will stretch their resources, and Pardew is hoping for a positive January transfer window.

His side will run out at Craven Cottage having prevented their manager from celebrating two years in charge at St James' Park with a fifth successive Barclays Premier League defeat for the first time, but with the 51-year-old knowing they need to make a dramatic improvement over a sustained period if they are to come anywhere close to replicating last season's top-five finish.

Pardew said: "This is a critical period, from now until January. I do feel after January this team is definitely going to be stronger."

"But we are going to lose Cheick, we have obviously lost Cabaye, we have lost Steven Taylor and we have got some big teams coming, big clubs, bigger clubs than us - and there aren't many that are bigger than us."

"It will be a real test in the next two months. We have got to really nail ourselves down and get as many points as we can and see where we are."

"We are not actually too far away from that fifth, sixth place - probably the same as we are from the relegation zone."

"That's where our season is right now."

The retention of striker Demba Ba, whose well-publicised release-cause becomes active once again next

month, remains a priority, although the manager is refusing to be drawn into the speculation.

He said: "Demba Ba is under contract here, he's playing for this football club and he enjoys it."

Ba is one of six men - Davide Santon, Cheick Tiote, Jonas Gutierrez, Hatem Ben Arfa and Gabriel Obertan are the others - who could be fit after spending recent days and, in the case of some, weeks in the treatment room, although Pardew was again playing his cards close to his chest.

He said: "I'm not going to say too much because it's important that we keep our powder dry for Monday night."

"But we are in better shape."

The return of key men - Ba has 10 goals to his name, while Ben Arfa was in thrilling form until he was laid low by a hamstring strain - should make Newcastle a stronger proposition, and defender Mike Williamson is confident they have got what it takes to rediscover the cutting edge which catapulted them up the table last season.

Williamson, who played a significant role in the surge into the top five during the 2011-12 campaign, firmly believes there is much more to come this time around.

The 29-year-old said: "We have had a difficult run, but we are trying to dig ourselves out, but we have got the character in the group and it has given the lads a lift."

"We just need to carry that momentum on and make sure we get a result."

"There are no easy games, especially with the run we have been on."

"When you are up there, you get those little breaks and the opposite happens when you are not."

"But we have enough characters in the team to change that and a big chunk of the season left."



INJURY BLOW: Newcastle United's Yohan Cabaye (front).

Torres double banishes blues for Benitez

FERNANDO Torres scored twice at Sunderland to end his nine-match goal drought and give Rafael Benitez his first Barclays Premier League win in charge of Chelsea.

It was hoped Benitez's appointment would help Torres get back to his best and the Spain striker looked sharp in today's 3-0 win at the Stadium of Light, bagging a brace to add to the two he scored against Nordsjaelland in midweek.

Torres got on the end of a clever cross from Eden Hazard to volley Chelsea ahead and he then converted a penalty in first-half injury time after Sebastian Larsson fouled Ramires.

The former Liverpool man almost claimed a hat-trick when he rattled the bar after the break, although the rebound fell to Juan Mata who tapped home his third in three games.

Adam Johnson pulled one back for the hosts who drop in to the relegation zone.

Mikel Arteta scored two penalties as Arsenal returned to winning ways with a 2-0 victory against West Brom.

Arteta stroked home from 12 yards in the first half, burying the demons that have been resting on his shoulders since his spot-kick miss against Fulham, but replays showed Santi Cazorla fooled referee Mike Jones with a dive to earn the penalty.

Jones made the right call in the second half when he ruled Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain had been fouled in the area and Arteta beat Boaz Myhill to wrap up the points.

A second-half strike from James McCarthy denied QPR their first win of the season as Wigan fought back to draw 2-2 at the DW Stadium.

Ryan Nelsen equalised McCarthy's first-half opener to make it 1-1 at half-time, but Djibril Cisse raised away hopes when he put the visitors ahead after 71 minutes.

The lead lasted barely two minutes, though, as McCarthy converted Jean Beausejour's pass.

The draw keeps Harry Redknapp's Rangers rooted to the foot of the table and they are now the only team in Premier League history to not win a game in their opening 16 contests.

Norwich extended their unbeaten streak in all competitions to 10 matches after beating Swansea 4-3 at the Liberty Stadium.

Steven Whittaker, Sebastian Bassong and Grant Holt gave Norwich a 3-0 half-time lead, but Swansea hit back through Michu and Jonathan de Guzman after the break.

Robert Snodgrass calmed the nerves of the away support with the Canaries' fourth before Michu scored the hosts' third at the death.

Aston Villa are now two points above the relegation zone after they could only register a 0-0 home draw against Stoke, who lost Ryan Shotton to a second yellow card late on.



DAVID MOYES

Good test for AVB

EVERTON manager David Moyes says player fatigue is likely to be a worry for Tottenham counterpart Andre Villas-Boas.

Spurs' visit to Goodison Park comes less than three days after their 3-1 Europa League victory over Panathinaikos, for which Villas-Boas fielded a relatively strong starting XI.

Asked if he thought fatigue might be an issue for Tottenham, Moyes said: "I think if we had been playing, I would be thinking about that - I'd be saying it

is a possibility."

"Does that really happen? I'm not sure."

"But if I was the manager, I would certainly be worried about it."

The evidence of recent weeks suggests Villas-Boas is doing a good job of balancing European and domestic commitments.

By avoiding defeat against Panathinaikos, Tottenham ensured their qualification for the last 32 of the Europa League. The win followed

three straight Premier League victories that have taken them into the top four.

Moyes is not surprised. "Spurs' squad is really good and means they will always be there or thereabouts," he said.

Everton have drawn seven of their last nine and could have Kevin Mirallas and Seamus Coleman back.

Victor Anichebe (hamstring) and Phil Neville (knee) remain on the casualty list.

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Saints Spotlight

SAINTS MANAGERS SINCE 1996

Graeme Souness
(June 1996 - July 1997)

Dave Jones
(July 1997 - January 2000)

Glenn Hoddle
(January 2000 - March 2001)

Stuart Gray
(March 2001 - October 2001)

Gordon Strachan
(October 2001 - February 2004)

Paul Sturrock
(March 2004 - August 2004)

Steve Wigley
(August 2004 - December 2004)

Harry Redknapp
(December 2004 - December 2005)

George Burley
(December 2005 - January 2008)

Nigel Pearson
(February 2008 - May 2008)

Jan Poortvliet
(May 2008 - January 2009)

Alan Pardew
(July 2009 - August 2010)

Nigel Adkins
(September 2010 - present)

CHELSEA MANAGERS SINCE 1996

Ruud Gullit
(May 1996-February 1998)

Gianluca Vialli
(February 1998 -September 2000)

Claudio Ranieri
(September 2000 -May 2004)

Jose Mourinho
(June 2004-September 2007)

Avram Grant
(September 2007-May 2008)

Luiz Felipe Scolari
(July 2008-February 2009)

Guus Hiddink
(February 2009 May 2009)

Carlo Ancelotti
(June 2009-May 2011)

Andre Villas Boas
(June 2011- March 2012)

Roberto Di Matteo
(March 2012-November 2012)

Rafael Benitez
(November 2012-Present)

ON THE UP: Chelsea boss Roberto Di Matteo celebrates his side's Champions League victory last season.

SAINTS' intriguing FA Cup third round tie against Chelsea pits together two clubs who have had real problems keeping hold of managers in recent times.

The hosts are no strangers to a revolving door policy regarding the man who picks the team and, for vastly contrasting reasons, neither are the west London club.

From taking over as Saints chairman in the summer of 1997 to his resignation in 2006, Rupert Lowe went through Graeme Souness, Dave Jones, Glenn Hoddle, Stuart Gray, Gordon Strachan, Paul Sturrock, Steve Wigley, Harry Redknapp and George Burley.

That's nine in as many years. On his return in May 2008 he instantly dispensed with Nigel Pearson before making his most controversial appointment ever – Jan Poortvliet.

He lasted just over half a season before Mark Wotte was given a chance.

Lowe resigned again in April 2009 having had 12 different managers in less than 10 years in charge.

Of the 11 who had left the club, Souness, Hoddle (pictured below), Strachan and Redknapp all resigned.

Sturrock and Poortvliet's departures were dressed up as 'by mutual consent' – that phrase hiding a plethora of possibilities.

Jones never came back after initially being put on gardening leave to fight child abuse allegations he was eventually cleared of.

That left Gray, Wigley and Pearson as the three bosses definitely sacked by Lowe.

Roman Abramovich has gone through managers almost as quickly as Lowe.

Almost. Not quite. But where the

Chelsea owner is certainly different is that he has sacked more of his managers, including one who has won the Champions League.

Though they share an ability to go through managers like a hot knife through butter, Abramovich and Lowe are hardly comparable figures.

Lowe never owned Southampton Football Club, he was purely the chairman of parent company Southampton Leisure Holdings.

And he certainly never put much of his own money into the club without getting something back in return – ie, shares (which in the end proved worthless).

Lowe could technically answer to shareholders, while Abramovich answers only to himself.

Lowe saw Southampton Football Club as a business opportunity, Abramovich sees Chelsea as a hobby, a plaything.

And there's one more obvious difference – Chelsea have been remarkably successful under Abramovich's constant changing of managers. Lowe presided over one relegation campaign and was in charge for the vast part of another.

So much for stability equalling success!

Abramovich, so the argument goes – and Sam Allardyce voiced it last weekend – can do what the hell he wants at Stamford Bridge.

Without him, Chelsea would not be European champions, something that would have seemed laughable 20 years ago when, on one cold winter's night, the



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club failed to attract even 8,000 to watch a home league game against Saints.

You could argue that part of the Premier League's undoubted appeal to overseas markets is down to Abramovich.

After all, he was the first mega-

rich overseas owner to take over a Premier League club and instantly start rewriting his own transfer market rules.

Mohammed Al Fayed down the road at Fulham had taken over Chelsea's neighbours in 1997, but at the time the Cottagers

Saints Spotlight

Life of a Premier League boss has its ups and downs...

were a third tier club. Abramovich wasted no time flashing some serious cash.

Without his involvement at Chelsea, would the Sheikhs have ever got involved at Manchester City?

Only they can answer that.

Thanks to Abramovich's millions, Chelsea were able to attract world class stars.

Money was no object.

His spending spree put the likes of previous 'big spending' owners such as Jack Walker at Blackburn totally in the shade.

Remember when Walker was accused of 'buying' the Premier

League title for Blackburn, with a total outlay of less than £30m?

Definitely a more innocent age, thanks to Abramovich.

It has been strange to see the flak Rafa Benitez, pictured below, has been getting since his arrival at Chelsea.

It's not his fault Roberto Di Matteo got the boot, is it?

Benitez's first three league results have been poor, and there is

already speculation Avram Grant - the man with

two Premier League relegations on his CV in recent times - could be on his way in. A total farce.

Chelsea fans angry at Di Matteo's dismissal - and they have every right to be - should be directing their anger towards the man who made the decision.

Perhaps they don't want to, though, for fear of getting on the wrong side of Abramovich.

Perhaps they fear that any protests will herald the day he gets bored and sells up. What then

for Chelsea? They can't go on like this. Can they?

So they bring in Pep Guardiola next summer? Say he doesn't win the league or the Champions League. Say he doesn't win anything.

What then? Sack him as well?

Soon the internet joke that in the near future everyone will live within 10 miles of a former Chelsea manager doesn't look that far fetched.

Roman Abramovich has been good for Chelsea FC, that much is obvious. But has he been so good for English football in general? No way.

LONGEST SERVING CURRENT PREMIER LEAGUE MANAGERS

Sir Alex Ferguson - Manchester United
(November 1986-Present)

Arsene Wenger - Arsenal
(September 1996-Present)

David Moyes - Everton
(March 2002-Present)

Tony Pulis - Stoke City
(June 2006 - Present)

Roberto Martinez - Wigan Athletic
(June 2009 - Present)

Roberto Mancini - Man City
(December 2009 - Present)

Brian McDermott - Reading
(January 2010 - Present)

Nigel Adkins - Southampton
(September 2010 - Present)

Alan Pardew - Newcastle United
(December 2010 - Present)

Sam Allardyce - West Ham
(June 2011 - Present)

SHORTEST SERVING FOOTBALL MANAGERS

Leroy Rosenoir - Torquay United
(May 17, 2007 - May 17, 2007:
10 minutes)

Kevin Cullis - Swansea
(February 8, 1996 - February 14,
1996: 10 days/2 games)

Micky Adams - Swansea City
(Oct 9, 1997 - October 22, 1997:
13 days in charge)

Les Reed - Charlton Athletic
(August 2006 - December 2006:
42 days and sacked on
Christmas Eve!)

Brian Clough - Leeds United
(July 1974 - September 1974: 44
days)

Stuart Gray - Southampton
(June 2001 - October 2001: Only
8 games in charge of first team)

Sammy Lee - Bolton Wanderers
(April 2007 - October 2007)

Chris Hutchings - Bradford City
(Summer 2000 - November 2000:
12 Premier league games)

Colin Todd - Derby County
(October 2001 - January 2002:
98 days)

Tony Adams - Portsmouth
(26 October 2008 - 8 February
2009: 16 games in charge)

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Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

PORTSMOUTH FIXTURES 2012/13

AUGUST

14 Plymouth, A (CC)L 0-3
18 Bournemouth, HD 1-1
McLeod
21 Colchester, AD 2-2
Rodgers, Obita
25 Carlisle, AL 2-4
Harris, Clifford

SEPTEMBER

1 Oldham, HL 0-1
4 Bournemouth, H (JPT) .D 2-2
Won 4-3 on pens
Rodgers, Howard
8 Crawley Town, AW 3-0
Harris, Rodgers, McLeod
15 Walsall, H.L 1-2
McLeod
18 Swindon HL 1-2
Michalik
22 Notts CountyL 0-3
29 ScunthorpeW 2-1
Gyepes, Thomas

OCTOBER

2 Yeovil (A)W 2-1
McLeod, Gyepes
6 MK DonsD 2-2
McLeod, Gyepes
13 CreweW 2-0
Thomas, McLeod
20 Shrewsbury (H)W 3-1
McLeod (2), Thomas
23 Stevenage (A)L 1-2
Harley
27 Sheff Utd (A)L 0-1

NOVEMBER

3 Notts County (FAC) . . .L 0-2
6 Brentford (H)L 0-1
10 Bury (A)L 0-2
17 Doncaster (H)L 0-1
20 Leyton Orient (H) . . .L 2-3
McLeod (pen), Allan
24 Coventry (A)D 1-1

DECEMBER

8 Tranmere(A)
15 Preston(H)
22 Hartlepool(A)
26 Crawley Tn(H)
29 Yeovil(H)

JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

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MARCH

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CHERRIES EXTEND UNBEATEN RUN TO 12

SCUNTHORPE 1 BOURNEMOUTH 2

FIRST-half goals from Lewis Grabban and Wes Fogden saw Cherries extend to 12 games their unbeaten run under boss Eddie Howe.

However, the visitors were thankful to goalkeeper David James for saving Mike Grella's 28th-minute penalty, **writes NEIL PERRETT.**

James blocked the striker's tame effort just seconds after Grabban had opened the scoring and a minute before Fogden doubled their advantage.

Although Karl Hawley netted a second spot kick for the Iron in the second half, Cherries held on fairly comfortably.

James was restored to the Cherries starting line-up as boss Eddie Howe made one change following the FA Cup win at Carlisle.

Benjamin Buchel was named among the Cherries substitutes with Shwan Jalal ruled out due to a calf injury.

James made a smart reaction save when he parried an effort from Karl Hawley after the Scunthorpe striker had turned sharply in the box.

And the Cherries goalkeeper also did well to keep out Andy Barcham's fierce drive

as the Iron created the early chances.

However, Cherries opened the scoring through Grabban when his shot found a way through the legs of Scunthorpe goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall after 27 minutes.

Cherries were then thankful to James for saving Grella's weak penalty after Tommy Elphick had been judged to have handled.

And as play quickly switched to the opposite end, Fogden charged down a clearance and saw the ball loop into the net to double Cherries' lead after 29 minutes.

James made another fine save to keep out a shot from Damien Mozika early in the second half before Scunthorpe were awarded a second penalty following a disputed handball by Shaun MacDonald.

And Hawley made no mistake from 12 yards, the striker halving the deficit despite the best efforts of James who guessed correctly and dived to his left.

The closest the hosts came to grabbing an equaliser was when Mark Duffy saw his effort find the side netting eight minutes from time.



OPENER: Lewis Grabban.

Cherries: James, Francis, Cook, Elphick, Daniels, Fogden (Partington, 88), MacDonald, O'Kane, Pugh (McQuoid, 73), Pitman, Grabban.
Unused subs: Demouge,

Tubbs, McDermott, Fletcher, Buchel (g/k). Booked: O'Kane, Daniels.

Iron: Mildenhall, Ribeiro, Canavan, McChrystal, Newey, Duffy, Mozika, Ryan (Djeziri, 90), Barcham (Collins, 76), Grella (Wootton, 82), Hawley.
Unused subs: Kennedy, Gibbons, Hughes, Slocombe (g/k).
Booked: McChrystal.

Attendance: 2,980 (including 430 visiting supporters).

Referee: Scott Duncan (Newcastle).

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Elphick

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MacDonald 2
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Hughes
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TRANMERE ROVERS 2 PORTSMOUTH 2

SUPER sub Jake Jarvis earned Pompey a precious point against his former Tranmere Rovers teammates.

Jervis struck in the 75th-minute, within 60 seconds of the Michael O'Halloran goal that looked to have given the League One leaders all three points.

Pompey trailed 1-0 at half-time to Tranmere defender Ash Taylor's 31st-minute header.

But Hungarian defender Gabor Gyepes scored Pompey's first equaliser of the afternoon with a 49th-minute header from former Saints young-

ster Brian Howard's pinpoint set piece.

Then Jervis, who came on in the 67th minute, netted a clinical first Pompey goal at the club where he was on loan last month.

He said: "I was getting stick from the sidelines so it was good to get the goal - I instinctively hit it first time."

Scott Allan missed a golden chance to win the game in the last minute, but caretaker-manager Guy Whittingham said: "I'm delighted with a point after twice going behind. There's a spirit building."

Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



WHAT WILL BE NEXT FOR THE TWO SPECIAL ONES?

Mourinho and Guardiola both linked with moves to the Premier League's big guns



WANTED MAN: Pep Guardiola.

ONE of the most intriguing guessing games right now is where will managers Pep Guardiola and arch rival Jose Mourinho end up come the end of the current season?

While in Spain, these two gladiators developed one of the fiercest rivalries in world football.

Guardiola ended his involvement at Barcelona last season after a magnificent era at the club.

Mourinho, pictured right, now looks set to become the former boss at Real Madrid after persistent rumours have suggested he has mutually agreed with president Florentino Perez to step down at the end of June 2013.

The Portuguese was brought to the club for one reason – to win the Champions League.

The problem facing Mourinho is the fact that his team are third in La Liga, 11 points behind leaders Barcelona, with little chance of closing the gap on the Catalan giants.

Real finished second behind Borussia Dortmund in their Champions League group and will now have to wait on the draw for the knockout stages, with the competition not resum-

ing until February. The general feeling seems to be that even if Mourinho wins the final at Wembley, the timing could be right for both parties to move on.

The question then, of course, is where will he surface next?

Personally, I hope it is at a Premier League club.

However, there are few in world football who could afford a coach of his quality.

Plus, how his future unfolds is further complicated by the prospect of Guardiola throwing his hat into the ring this summer.

Rumours persist that his representatives are talking to

super-rich French club Paris Saint-Germain.

In recent weeks, their manager, Carlo Ancelotti, has come under pressure for failing to produce the sort of quality that an outlay of £120m on transfers should have produced.

A move for Guardiola, however, is something that would likely be resisted by PSG and their Swedish star striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

In his autobiography last year, he made it clear that his former boss Guardiola was not his flavour of the month, but sung the praises of his favourite coach, Mourinho.

When it comes to the Premier League, both managers have been linked with a move to Manchester City.

An irked Roberto Martinez has been questioned on reports that Jorge Mendes, agent of the Real

Madrid boss, has already had meetings with City's newly-appointed sporting director Txiki Begiristain.

Perhaps more revealing is the fact that he was the sporting director who chose Guardiola ahead of Mourinho for the Barcelona position in 2008.

Meanwhile, Rafa Benitez's appointment at Chelsea has not caught the imagination of the Stamford Bridge faithful, and the prospect of Mourinho returning to the Blues is not out of the question.

One more club that could well come into the equation is Arsenal.

There is huge unrest among supporters at the Emirates again, which has brought the manager and the board into the firing line once more.

Arsene Wenger has now not won a trophy for seven years, and Arsenal's followers may be fed up with the continual excuses emerging from the club.

The next few months may well decide Wenger's future, and the prospect of Guardiola or Mourinho replacing him would no doubt send the Gooners into raptures.

My New Year wish is that both managers end up in the Premier League, where hostilities between them can continue.

United want to silence their noisy neighbours

THE 147th league derby between Manchester City and Manchester United will be played tomorrow at the Etihad Stadium.

Just 4.6 miles separates the ground from Old Trafford, but the race for the Premier League title is much closer than that.

United go into the match three points better off, and many believe, like last season, that the title will be between the two Manchester clubs.

United are well ahead when it comes to major trophies, winning 41 of them, which includes 19 league titles, of which 12 were in the Premier League.

For Manchester City, their major trophy count stands at just 11, including three league titles, one of which was a Premier League crown.

While United have had just one manager – Sir Alex Ferguson, pictured below – since November 1986, City have had a whopping 14 different permanent bosses in that time.

In an attempt to close the gap, City have spent £482.5m on new players since they were taken over in September 2008, ten of which cost the club in excess of £20m.

In the same time frame, United have spent £170m on new additions. As we go into the game, it is United who are the form team over the last six matches, with 15 points compared to City's 13.

United's top scorer is Robin van Persie, with ten goals.

What is interesting is that today's match features two teams with the best home record and away record this season.

City have amassed 20 points at home this term and are unbeaten in their last 37 matches at the Etihad, since losing to Everton on December 20, 2010, winning 33 and drawing just four of those.

United have won 18 points on the road this season and are also the top away scorers, with 18 goals.

Another stat that can be viewed with interest is that United are unbeaten in their last 11 Premier League matches following a European game.

The exception was their 6-1 defeat at Old Trafford to Manchester City in October 2011.

This fixture has become the most hotly-contested derby in English football.

United, having lost both encounters last season, would take great pleasure in ending the only unbeaten record in all four of England's divisions and keeping their noisy neighbours quiet, if only for a week.



Saints Spotlight

SAINTS GET WITH

A look back at his old matchday programme collection gives life-long Saints fan IAN RITCHIE a trip down memory lane...

I STARTED supporting Saints in 1961/62 when, at the age of 12, I moved to Southampton with my family.

Oh the happy days of watching Derek Reeves, George O'Brien, Terry Paine & co from the 'boys' chocolate box at the Milton Road end.

Fast forward to the present day and after following Saints for over 50 years, I finally had a mention in the matchday programme for the recent home game against Norwich.

That mention was purely a by-line in an article by Saints' historian Duncan Holley, but it nevertheless encouraged me to buy a programme, which I don't normally do these days.

I have to say that the presentation and look of the current publication reminds me more of the handbook that you get given when you buy a new car, running as it does to 76 pages.

Just out of interest, I decided to have a look back at my programme collection from 50 years ago, a time when buying a programme was part of the matchday ritual.

In looking to get as close to the date of this season's Norwich game (November 28) I found that Saints were also at home to Norwich on Saturday, December 1 1962.

Incredibly, like 50 years later, the previous home game was against Newcastle. Amazing coincidences.

COMPARISONS

Comparisons with bygone years are sometimes a little unfair, but here are a few things I found.

The 76 pages of today compared to the more modest 16 of the 62/63 version.

However, the present day version cost £3 compared to the sixpence (2 ½p) of the 1962/63. A quick check on inflation rates tells us that if the programme price had only matched inflation, the cost today would be 42p!

I paid £34 for my ticket the other night, in the Itchen stand wings. The equivalent West Stand wing seat back then would have set me back 6 shillings, which, with inflation, would have risen to only £5.05 at today's value. The Boys gate entry was one shilling, 5p.

Back then the threepence on the ball competition (that's just over 1p in today's terms) returned to the



GET IN: Rickie Lambert celebrates netting in Saints' 1-1 draw with Norwich.

winner £25, which would equate to £420.75 today, which suddenly looks a lot more attractive than the £75 paid out by the Saints Foundation to the holder of a £1 winning ticket.

Oh and by the way, the second prize back then was the match ball.

The Norwich programme from 62/63 shows the winner of the £25 as a Mr Hazelton of West Grimstead near Salisbury. I wonder if he is still around? The ball was won by a Mr Diaper of Valentine Road in Sholing. I wonder what happened to it and whether he is any relation to Dave Diaper, today's Sholing FC manager! Of the programme advertisers

back then, most have gone. The brewers: Brickwoods, Watneys and Strong's have long since been acquired by others. Other old Southampton businesses now disappeared include Toomers, who used to supply Saints' kit, Perrins Motors, Basticks Mens Shop in Above Bar, Hargroves & Babey and Criterion, the old Citroen Garage then sited in St Mary's Road.

Surviving to this day are Beestons Funeral Directors, R H Hammond the builders, The Florida Restaurant in Pound Tree Road, Barfoot & Powell and of course, *The Echo*!

One advert that took my eye was

from the Aldershot District Provost Company seeking recruits to the Territorial Army, describing the ideal candidates as 'young men of integrity and resource' to fill the few remaining vacancies.

For me, one of the cop outs in today's programmes and not just Southampton, is the modern style of listing the entire playing squad for each team on the back page, with tick boxes so you can record who was playing for yourself.

I suppose in these days of keeping line-ups a secret until an hour before kickoff, we will never revert to the old form of presentation.

Back in those simpler times, most clubs knew their strongest forma-

tions (as did their opponents) and teams almost picked themselves.

The Saints' team that day was as in the programme and, in fact, was the same starting XI that lost in the cup semi-final against Manchester United at Villa Park (I was there!) in April of 1963.

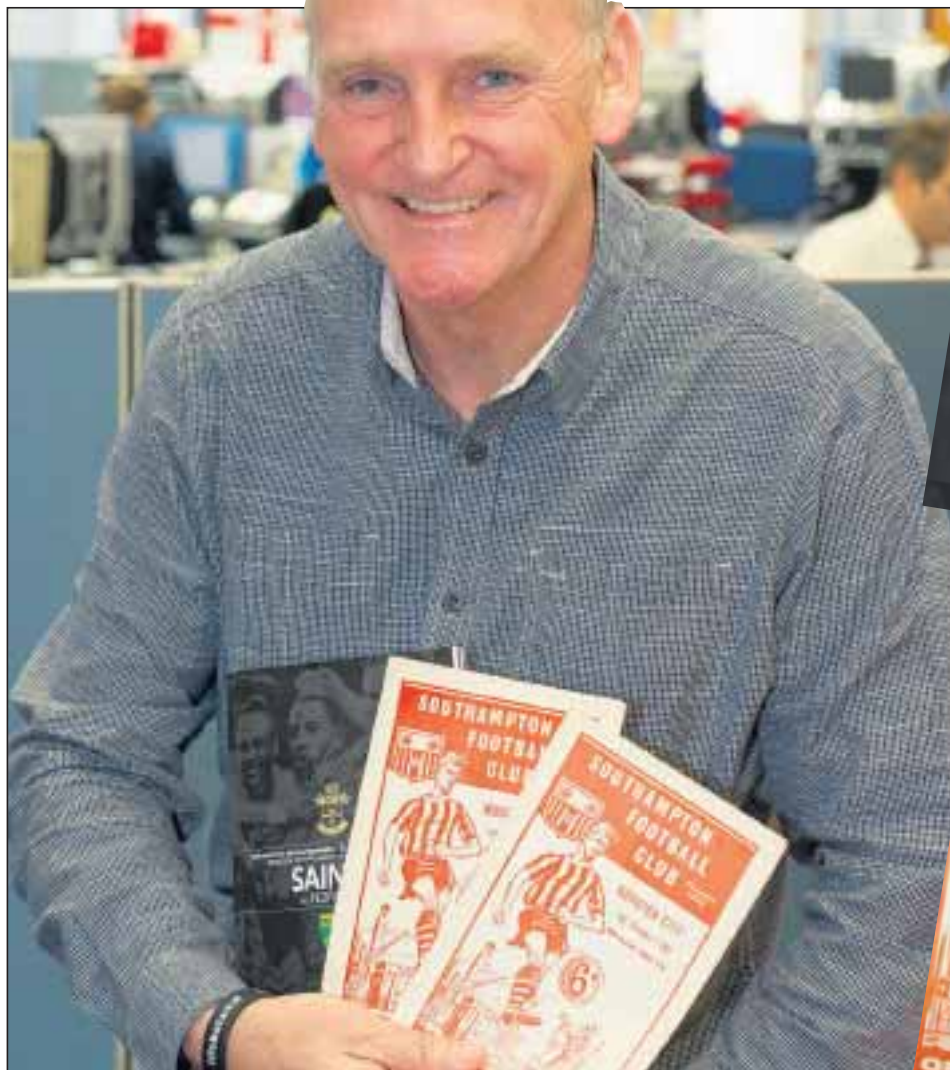
That team was Reynolds in goal, Williams and Traynor at fullback, Tony Knapp at centre half, Wimshurst and Huxford at wing half, as they were back then.

The strike force comprised Paine and Sydenham on the wings, George O'Brien as inside forward and the scourge of goalkeepers, George Kirby wearing the number 9 shirt. No substitutes in those

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THE PROGRAMME



FLASHBACK: Ian Ritchie with the matchday programmes from the 1962 clash between Saints and Norwich and the 2012 version. Right, top and bottom: The programme covers.



days, of course. I recorded by hand in the programme that Saints won the game 3-1, with Kirby, O'Brien and Burnside each scoring.

Fellow members of league division 2 (the Championship as we now know it) back then included current Premiership sides Chelsea, Stoke, Sunderland, Newcastle and Swansea.

Interestingly, and bearing in mind this is 50 years ago, the first division (aka the Premier League), was made up almost entirely of sides that today play in the two top divisions of English football.

The two exceptions were Sheffield United and Leyton Orient. With only 16 pages, there

was of course nothing like the editorial coverage that one gets in today's version.

'Manager's notes' have stood the test of time, with Ted Bates and Nigel Adkins featuring in their respective issues.

In the 1962 version there was also 'From the Boardroom' with comment from the then chairman, Mr John Barber.

Many supporters today I am sure would love to know the views of the current chairman, but we'll leave that one out there.

The only external item in the 1960s' version is entitled 'Gossip' and written by Harry Ditton of the *News of the World*.

It was probably a syndicated article rather than something specifically written for the Saints' programme.

In his article for the Norwich game, Ditton speculated on how good a team made up of the current managers might perform if they were in their prime.

Many of the names are (almost) forgotten, but in goal he had Birmingham City manager Gil Merrick, who of course played in goal in England's 6-3 thrashing by the Magnificent Magyars in 1963. (as a Scot, I had to get that one in!)

Sir Matt Busby, Joe Mercer and Don Revie all made the starting

line up, but Alf Ramsey and Billy Wright only made the reserve list.

I suppose that if we were to repeat the process today, our own Nigel Adkins might get the No. 1 shirt, as there are not too many ex-keepers in top management.

Whilst today's publication provides an interesting magazine, to me it serves little purpose as a match programme, and to a large extent, up to the minute information supply has been overtaken by the internet.

I will confess to checking my phone at 7pm on the night of the game to ascertain the starting line up.

The other ritual we have lost now is the rush at the final whistle from The Dell back into town, to peer into the shop window of Radio Rentals to see the one and only running of the day's results.

Then it was a question of hanging about in Above Bar until around 5.30pm when the *Football Echo* (to give it its proper name!) came out and you could see all the results and the league tables.

They were much more innocent times. Football clubs were football clubs and not plc's.

I was saddened to hear recently of the demise of the external programme sellers at St Mary's for no (apparently) good reason and then to learn that the programme booth concession behind the Chapel goal was also given summary notice to quit.

Those at the top need to realise that football, particularly British football, is part of our culture and history, otherwise why would I be moved to write an article such as this?

What type of paranoia does it take to edit the advertisement of a forthcoming housing development on the east side of Southampton, that could not allow mention of one of Southampton's greatest ever players as opening the event?

A man also voted second in the recent competition of Southampton's greatest citizens to have statues erected at the St Denys Railway Bridge.

When the same advertisement was placed in the *Echo*, Matt Le Tissier was mentioned by name.

It is to be hoped that the chairman never flies to Guernsey with Flybe, as he may get a nasty shock when he sees a certain dedication on the side of the plane!

NO SURPRISE

It will come as no surprise to me to wake up one morning to find that Ted Bates's statue has been moved to outside the Saints cafe and a new statue of Marcus Liebherr has taken its place on the plinth outside the main entrance.

It was not my intention to end this nostalgic article with negative comments concerning the current regime.

Much has been achieved since the injection of the Liebherr family cash, and, like all Saints fans, I am grateful for that.

I fully accept that in today's tough world a football club has to be run as a business, but I sometimes wish for a bit more openness, and perhaps more 'football club' and less plc.

And that is why, though I remain 'Southampton til I die', I'm not sure when I will next invest £3 in a matchday programme from now on!

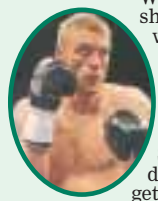
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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Every game I say to myself: 'don't get involved with the referee'. I think they know that as well and they're trying their best, but they'll not win, because I'll never get sent to the stand. I'm winning. I'm representing the football club and I'm trying to show a good aspect of the football club, that I'm not a fruit and nut case" – **Hearts manager John McGlynn is determined to disappoint referees who he feels are looking for a confrontation.**

"Of course, when I say I do not pay attention to the table it is a lie. I always look" – **Evian boss Pascal Dupraz lets the mask slip.**



"We wanted to show boxing for what it is, a fantastic sport, and I wanted to show what boxers go through. Sometimes I don't think they get the credit they deserve" – **Andrew Flintoff after his successful debut win in professional boxing.**

"It's sad that it is the end; this has been a special place for me and continues to be special to me. I'm going to continue my commitment to this league, this country and this sport" – **David Beckham pledges to stay involved in Major League Soccer after ending his five-year stint in the United States.**

"No one had given us a chance. People were saying 'what are New Zealand going to beat them by?' But everyone delivered. Everyone rose to the occasion and proved a few people wrong" – **England's rugby union captain Chris Robshaw after their record 38-21 win over the All Blacks.**



"There were two teams capable of winning the World Cup out there" – **New Zealand coach Steve Hansen gives his verdict on the match.**

"There is a lot of unrest everywhere. I believe it is a good opportunity to stick together and show we are a strong club" – **Arsene Wenger calls for unity after his side were booed off following a 2-0 defeat against Swansea.**

THE BEST DAYS

Ten years on from the best season of his career, Saints cult hero Brett Ormerod remembers the 2002/03 campaign

BELIEVE it or not, it is ten years since the season Brett Ormerod became a Saints cult hero.

"We finished eighth in the Premier League, reached the FA Cup final and qualified for the UEFA Cup – it was the best time of my career," recalls the 36-year-old, who still has the video of the 2003 FA Cup final.

"It's on an old VHS tape," he smiles as he recalls the 1-0 defeat against Arsenal at the Millennium Stadium on May 17, 2003. "Robert Pires scored early on but we had them pinned back in the second half.

"David Seaman saved one from me that was probably the best shot I've ever had with my left foot – I was sure it was in! Then 'Beatts' had a header clawed off the line at the end.

"We gave it our best shot and it's one of my best memories but there were obviously mixed emotions – when we received our medals we couldn't even touch the cup.

"But the fans were fantastic and it was a great day – one I'll take to the grave."

Ormerod was at his peak during the halcyon days of 2002-03.

A record of 19 goals in 115 Saints appearances does not do justice to his impact. But he will always be appreciated for his ceaseless running and strike partnership with James Beattie.

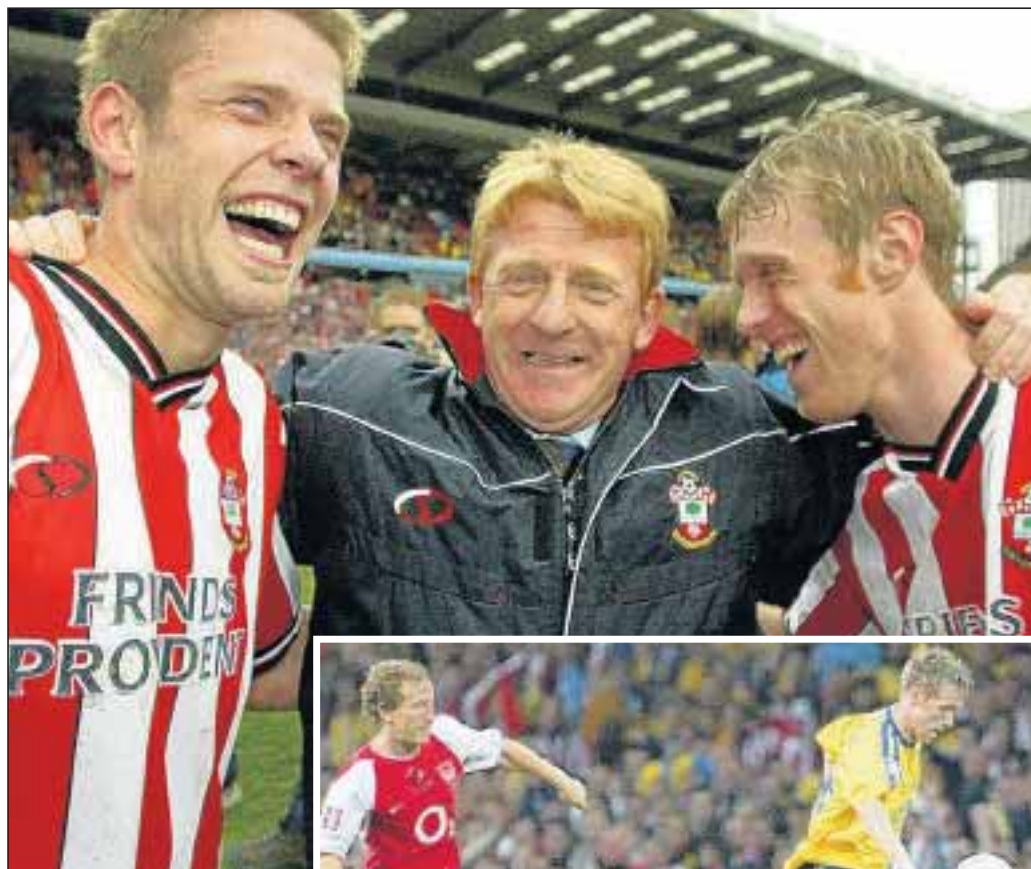
LEARNT

Signed by Gordon Strachan 11 years ago, Ormerod recalls his Saints days with fondness. But it took time to adapt after being plucked from the third tier of English football.

"I got the opportunity after scoring 20 goals that season for Blackpool by December," he says. "But it was a big jump and it took time to settle in. One of my first games was against Manchester United at Old Trafford. I remember sitting on the bench looking around wondering what I was doing there! "But I learnt a lot from the players around me."

Ormerod came on for the last half hour of that 6-1 defeat at Old Trafford but had to wait until March for his only goal of his debut season. It came in a 3-1 win at Ipswich best remembered for Chris Marsden's brilliant solo effort.

Ormerod's confidence soared when he scored his next goals – a



HALCYON DAYS: Brett Ormerod celebrates with fellow scorer James Beattie and Saints boss Gordon Strachan after the 2-1 FA Cup semi-final victory over Watford at Villa Park.



RIGHT: Brett Ormerod runs at the Arsenal back line during the 2003 FA Cup final.

Simon Walter

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hat-trick in a 6-1 League Cup win at home to Tranmere Rovers in October 2002.

"Every goal was a good goal for me but I was proud to score the first official St Mary's hat-trick – Beatts got the first in the Premier League against Fulham a few weeks later."

Ormerod first started alongside Beattie for Saints in a 2-1 defeat at Aston Villa in April 2002, but the pair go back to their days at Blackburn.

"I've known Beatts since we were kids," he says. "He's a year younger than me but we played in the same youth team. When I was a first-year

apprentice and Beatts was still at school he played up front with me on a Saturday.

"We both worked really hard and Beatts could score from anywhere. He had that ability to smash it in from 25 yards – he would rather do that than score from three yards!"

ASSISTS

"I tried to get crosses in and feed off him as I'd always done. I wasn't an out-and-out striker, I got more assists than goals, but working hard was the minimum requirement in that team."

A few days after his hat-trick against Tranmere, Ormerod hit both goals in the first half of a 2-0 win against Manchester City at St Mary's.

"I hit a worldy against Peter Schmeichel that day but in terms of importance it's hard to top my goal in the FA Cup semi-final against Watford at Villa Park," he says.

"That stands out. It was a great time to be at the club. Everyone worked really hard for each other and there was a great atmosphere in the team."

A month after the FA Cup final, Ormerod capped a memorable season by marrying childhood sweetheart Lisa back home in Lancashire.

He scored the first goal in a rare Saints win against Liverpool at Anfield when he returned to the North West six months later, out-sprinting Dietmar Hamann before beating Chris Kirkland.

But Ormerod's last year on the

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OF MY CAREER



FAVOURITE GOAL: Brett Ormerod scores against Watford in the FA Cup semi-final.

south coast was not a happy time. After being loaned to Leeds and Wigan by Harry Redknapp in 2004/05, he returned for the defeat at home to Manchester United that saw Saints relegated on the final day of the season.

DISRUPTION

"The club never really settled down after Strachan went," he says. "We were told Glenn Hoddle was taking over but then it turned out the fans didn't want him. It was a shame to see it go from being a well-run club to one that was constantly in the papers.

"There was so much disruption and that's why the club ended up being relegated.

"There were a lot of different ele-

ments with people like Clive Woodward and Simon Clifford there as well. It wasn't a nice time to be at the club and I think all the players from that period would say the same.

"You couldn't pick up a paper without something about the club in there and there were always photographers outside the training ground. It took a long time for Southampton to recover from that saga but it's great to see them back where they belong after back-to-back promotions.

"It's a magnificent club with a great stadium and a fantastic youth system. The number of players that have come through, now playing at other clubs, is ridiculous!

"I remember the *Daily Echo* putting together an ex-academy XI

playing elsewhere and there wasn't room for players like Leon Best and Dexter Blackstock! It's just a shame relegation meant they couldn't be kept together, a bit like the West Ham team with Frank Lampard, Joe Cole, Michael Carrick and Rio Ferdinand.

LALLANA

"But they've got a new breed coming through now. Adam Lallana was a kid when I was there but he's just fantastic."

Ormerod left for Preston North End in January 2006, where he spent three injury-troubled years before returning to Blackpool for two-and-a-half years. He is now hoping for one last season in the Football League with Wrexham,

after signing a two-year deal with the Blue Square Premier outfit in the summer.

He commutes from the Ribble Valley, where he lives with Lisa and their three children; sons Dylan, 12, and Riley, 5, and their eight-year-old daughter, who was born in Winchester when the family lived in Chandlers Ford.

"She's our southerner but we all have a soft spot for Southampton," laughs Ormerod, who scored his first and only goal for Wrexham two weeks ago.

"Hopefully we'll get promotion this season but we're up against clubs I used to play against in the Football League. It's as competitive a league as the Championship.

"I'm a few yards slower but I can still do a job."

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I am not 100%. I would say that it depends on the things that we can do on the pitch" – Rafael Benitez admits uncertainty over his position as Chelsea's interim boss after just three games in charge.

"We don't hate each other, we're not going to kill each other tomorrow or anything like that. I'll send him a Christmas card" – Chinese snooker player Marco Fu takes the sting out of a potential row with Northern Ireland's Mark Allen.

"He doesn't look the best when he's well, but he looked awful!" – Matthew Stevens cannot resist a quip even as he offers sympathy to his UK Championship first-round opponent Dominic Dale, who was suffering with what he thinks is an outbreak of shingles.

"I don't think there's anyone else in the top 16 that can play as badly as I can play"

– Graeme Dott after being beaten 6-2 by Shaun Murphy in York.



"No Italian club would be able to afford him. Balotelli is as valuable as the Mona Lisa" – Mino Raiola, the agent of Manchester City striker Mario Balotelli, bigs up his client.

"People laughed at me when I said at the start that my target was to qualify" – Neil Lennon savours the moments after guiding his Celtic side to the knockout stages of the Champions League.

"People will always remember it. Now when they look at me they won't think of the things I have done for racing in the past 20 years, they'll just think, 'He's the guy who got caught with drugs'. I'm ashamed and embarrassed. I will regret it for the rest of my life" – Frankie Dettori, who was banned from racing for six months after testing positive

for a banned substance, believed to be cocaine.

"The first goal was a goal kick, though, simple as that. What the referee behind the goalline is doing nobody knows, but I don't think it was the right decision" – Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger after his side finished their Champions League group campaign with a 2-1 defeat away to Olympiacos.

















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SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2012/13

																
AUGUST																
Sun 19 Man City	A	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Ward-Prowse**	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon***	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert* 1	S Davis** 1	Sharp***
Sat 25 Wigan	H	L 0-2	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	S Davis*	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Do Prado	Rodriguez**	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Sharp**	
Tues 28 Stevenage (COC 2)	A	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Butterfield	Richardson	Seaborne	Shaw	Chaplow*	W-Prowse	Hammond**	Puncheon 1	Lee 1	Sharp*** 1	Reeves* 1	Chambers**	Hoskins***
SEPTEMBER																
Sun 2 Man United	H	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin 1	S Davis	Puncheon*	Lallana***	Lambert** 1	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Rodriguez***
Sat 15 Arsenal	A	L 1-6	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld*	Fox 1	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Puncheon	Lallana	Lambert***	Yoshida*	Ramirez**	Rodriguez***
Sat 22 Aston Villa	H	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon** 1	Ramirez	Lambert 2	Richardson*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Tues 25 Sheff Wed (COC 3)	H	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Hooiveld	Yoshida	Seaborne	W-Prowse	Cork**	Chaplow	De Ridder	Do Prado*	Rodriguez*** 2	Reeves*	Robinson**	Hoskins***
Sat 29 Everton	A	L 1-3	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Fonte	Yoshida	Clyne**	W-Prowse	S Davis	Lallana***	Rodriguez*	Ramirez 1	Lambert	Mayuka*	Reeves**	Chaplow***
OCTOBER																
Sun 7 Fulham	H	D 2-2	Gazzaniga	Richardson*	Fonte 2	Yoshida	Fox	S Davis	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon**	Rodriguez	Lambert***	Hooiveld*	Chaplow**	Do Prado***
Sat 20 West Ham	A	L 1-4	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Yoshida	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana 1	Puncheon**	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Sun 28 Tottenham	H	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Puncheon*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana	Rodriguez 1	Lambert	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Reeves***
Tues 31 Leeds (COC 4)	A	L 0-3	K Davis	Butterfield	Hooiveld	Seaborne	Reeves	W-Prowse	Chaplow	Do Prado	De Ridder**	Mayuka	Lee*	Shaw*	Isgrove**	
NOVEMBER																
Mon 5 West Brom	A	L 0-2	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Ramirez**	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Puncheon	Rodriguez*	Lambert	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Shaw***
Sat 10 Swansea	H	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	Schneiderlin 1	Cork	Puncheon	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert	Fox*		
Sat 17 QPR	A	W 3-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon 1	Ramirez*	Lallana	Lambert*** 1	S Davis*	Fox**	Rodriguez***
Sun 25 Newcastle	H	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw***	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon	Ramirez** 1	Lallana 1	Lambert*	Rodriguez*	S Davis**	Hooiveld***
Weds 28 Norwich	H	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert 1	Reeves*	Rodriguez**	
DECEMBER																
Sat 1 Liverpool	A	L 0-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork*	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert	S Davis*	Rodriguez**	
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Sun 12 Sunderland	A															
Sun 19 Stoke	H															

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KELVIN DAVIS	4	0	1	0	278	0	JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	RICKIE LAMBERT	13(2)	6	0	0	164(9)	94
PAULO GAZZANIGA	9	0	2	0	11	0	DAN SEABORNE	0	0	3	0	38(15)	0	JAY RODRIGUEZ	7(6)	1	1	2	8(6)	3
ARTUR BORUC	2	0	0	0	2	0	STEVE DE RIDDER	0	0	2	0	12(27)	4	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0(6)	0	1	0	1(6)	0
NATHANIEL CLYNE	14	1	0	0	14	1	RICHARD CHAPLOW	0(1)	0	3	0	50(12)	5	GASTON RAMIREZ	8(1)	2	0	0	8(1)	2
DANNY BUTTERFIELD	0	0	2	0	50(4)	0	DEAN HAMMOND	0	0	1	0	130(15)	11	BILLY SHARP	0(2)	0	1	1	12(6)	10
FRAZER RICHARDSON	2(1)	0	2	0	57(9)	0	JACK CORK	5	0	1	0	72(8)	0	TADANARI LEE	0	0	2	1	7(4)	2
DANNY FOX	7(2)	1	0	0	46(6)	1	MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	14	2	0	0	144(28)	5	SAM HOSKINS	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
LUKE SHAW	5(1)	0	1(1)	0	6(3)	0	ADAM LALLANA	15	2	0	0	189(19)	49	CALUM CHAMBERS	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
RYAN DICKSON	0	0	0	0	9	0	STEVE DAVIS	9(4)	1	0	0	9(4)	0	BEN REEVES	0(3)	0	1(2)	1	4(9)	1
JOSE FONTE	15	2	0	0	130(1)	12	JAMES WARD-PROWSE	4(3)	0	3	0	9(3)	1	ANDY ROBINSON	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
JOS HOOIVELD	5(2)	0	2	0	48(2)	8	JASON PUNCHEON	12	2	1	1	56(4)	6	LLOYD ISGROVE	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
MAYA YOSHIDA	11(1)	0	1	0	12(1)	0	GULY DO PRADO	3(4)	0	2	0	71(23)	22							

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

Adam Rant



This week's big talking points
with **Adam Leitch**

CHRISSIE WAS THE QUEEN OF IRONMAN

NOTHING can ever last forever but it was a sad day when one sporting icon decided to retire this week.

Chrissie Wellington is hardly a household name but one of the greatest ever competitors at her chosen sport and a true inspiration.

For those uninitiated, Wellington is the four-time Ironman world champion.

Ironman, of course, is a long distance triathlon, combining a 2.4 mile swim, followed by 112 miles on the bike and then running a full marathon.

To say it's a bit tough is something of an understatement.

Wellington is English and has done her country proud and, arguably, changed the face of her sport in a dramatic way.

She started as a professional triathlete in

'Having had the heartbreak of Lance Armstrong recently, it's so refreshing that there are still athletes in an endurance sport we can genuinely look up to, such as Bradley Wiggins and, of course, Wellington'

2007 and won every Ironman she ever entered, and that included four world titles sealed at Kona in Hawaii.

It is a truly remarkable achievement for somebody whose autobiography details previous struggles with eating disorders and a job in political relations – not exactly Ironman material you may think.

She failed to make the shortlist for sports personality of the year in 2010, the year of her fourth world title, and also helped to start to shift a change in attitude towards women in sport as a result.

That Andy Murray and Amir Khan were amongst those who got nominated for achieving virtually nothing of any great merit that year, while Wellington, and any other woman for that matter, didn't make the final cut was a shame on the award, albeit it's meaningless anyway.

Having had the heartbreak of Lance Armstrong recently, it's so refreshing that there are still athletes in an endurance sport we can genuinely look up to, such as Bradley Wiggins and, of course, Wellington.

That she has chosen after a year off not to return to competitive Ironman racing is sad, but probably the correct decision. Retire at the top and your legacy will never wane.

Wellington might fade into the background a little now, whatever notoriety she has disappearing with time as Ironman is hardly a sport etched into the forefront of the public consciousness.

But what Wellington has achieved as a person and an athlete is amazing and truly inspirational and for that she should never be forgotten.



Saints' captain marvel

ADAM Rant has to admit to having been a little sceptical when it was confirmed that Adam Lallana, above, would be captaining Saints this season. He has been proved wrong.

It wasn't that the Ranty one had any doubt over Lallana's ability, his determination or his commitment to Saints.

Despite the fact he has experience under his belt, he is quite young for a top flight captain.

And, more than that, Adam Rant is old school when it comes to his captains.

He likes them playing in defence, at worst defensive central midfield, and being hard buggers capable of shoving somebody against the dressing room wall at half time if required.

However, he does have to concede that captaincy has changed somewhat.

It's not so much of a leadership role in that sense any more, but the captain setting the tone for the team.

Lallana has most certainly done that.

Not only has he proven himself

to be a very capable Premier League footballer but off the pitch he conducts himself so well.

His comments after the Liverpool game proved he has what it takes.

He was being fair and reflective on the Saints game at Anfield, but was also able to be honest and show that he understood the odd problem as it occurs and is prepared to say it to try and help.

Lallana has shown himself to be a very worthy captain indeed.

Latest fight night was a knock-out

IT WAS fantastic to see professional boxing back at Southampton Guildhall.

The venue is without doubt the most prestigious in the city for holding big fight nights and there was a certain air of excitement and grandeur about it as it returned for the first time in six years.

The show itself was a success, drawing in around 800 people.

That quite a lot of those were not friends or family of the boxers but people interested in the flourishing professional boxing scene in the city is testament to its growing popularity in Southampton, to go alongside the outstanding amateur clubs.

For that we have much to thank two men for – Jack Bishop and Wayne Batten, right.



Bishop has almost single handedly carried professional boxing in the city for decades and now Batten is taking over the mantle.

It's fascinating to watch how his outfit is growing and maturing, learning valuable lessons all the way along.

He has grown from a gym of a few fledgling fighters to an increasing number of boxers being trained, managed and, happily, at times promoted within in the city and already boasts three champions.

It's a testament to his commitment to the cause that it's got that far.

Jon Fernandes became the latest champion after a thrilling ten round battle with Jamie Speight.

Even the famous old Guildhall could not have played host to many better fights than that.

It was a great way to finish a fantastic evening and let's hope the public stay behind it.

These guys, from Batten down to the boxers, are not professional in the sense they earn their livings solely from the sport.

They have to work during the day and so they desperately need the support and ticket sales once every few months to keep going. If that doesn't arrive then it will disappear.

In return they are offering a chance to be part of a marvellous journey as they all grow and develop and, on current form, succeed.

A fine leader

THE English and the Aussies may not always be the best of friends when it comes to sporting rivalry but you have to tip your hat to Ricky Ponting following his retirement from Test cricket.

He was not only a fine leader for his country and a wonderful batsman, but also a good ambassador for the sport in general.

His presence will be sadly missed when the next Ashes series is played as it's characters like him that really make it extra special.

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An incident in an Easleigh v Weston Super Mare match

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Non-league Action

FA Vase round three: GE Hamble 0 Blackfield & Langley 2

BLACKFIELD MAKE MORE CUP HISTORY

BUOYANT Blackfield & Langley are through to the last 32 of the FA Vase after winning this afternoon's all-Sydenhams Wessex clash 2-0 at Follands Park.

Two late strikes from Jake Rowley and substitute Alex Baldacchino propelled the Watersiders through to the national stages.

With the tie less than two minutes old, Hamble conceded a soft free kick for a push on Kevin Gibbens. Ekow Elliott struck it cleanly from the edge of the 'D', but it drifted wide of Ryan Gosney's left-hand post.

Two minutes later Nathan Lynch was flicked in on goal by Gibbens and his shot was cleared off the line by Jamie Barron before Gosney gathered.

Blackfield continued to look the more dangerous side in the opening stages and Hamble put themselves under pressure from Gosney's stray clearance in the 16th minute. Fortunately for the playmakers Charlie Bailey headed TJ Cuthbertson's cross wide.

But, for all their injury woes, Hamble's weakened side were competing well, getting bodies behind the ball and frustrating their Waterside visitors.

The skilful Elliott did manage to get a shot away in the 23rd minute, cleverly turning in a tight space on the edge of the box but his curling effort went over.

Without the pace and wit provided by injured duo Rory Williams and Richard Gregory, the playmakers lacked their normal attacking threat. But the home side kept their shape well and produced some disciplined defending to keep Blackfield at bay.

On 34 minutes visiting front man Lynch went down looking for a penalty against Joe Bye, but it was optimistic to say the least.

Hamble had a rare foray into the visitors' area on 41 minutes, but enterprising full-back Tom Settle ran into traffic as he raced onto a return pass.

And on 44 minutes there was a big Hamble shout for handball outside the area when Watersiders' keeper, ex-Saint Steve Mowthorpe, tried to chest down Matt Graham's probing ball forward.

On the stroke of half time Gibbens cleverly knocked Cuthbertson's pass down into the

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path of Max Crow, but Matt Troon stuck like glue to prevent him getting a decent shot away.

In the opening seconds of the second half Blackfield had another failed shout for a penalty with Elliott this time hitting the deck under Scott Gilham's challenge.

The Watersiders maintained the pressure, but Crow dragged a shot wide on the run, chasing Gibbens's lay off.

Then, a minute later, Lynch found Elliott on the right of the area, but he slid an angled shot the wrong side of the far post.

On 53 minutes Blackfield boss Ashley Vickers made his first change, withdrawing Crow and introducing the pacy Paul Preston on the left flank.

Hamble then brought some urgency to their play, but Graham's shot was at a comfortable height for Mowthorpe to gather after Bye had found him with an excellent cross-field pass.

A couple of Blackfield headers followed from set pieces, but efforts by Bailey and Dave Ewen caused no undue problems for a highly competitive Hamble side. On 73 minutes Blackfield made their second change, replacing Lynch with dual-signed AFC Totton marksman Alex Baldacchino.

Hamble's defensive barrier was finally breached on 77 minutes as Blackfield seized the lead.

Maurice Stuart delivered from the left and Elliott laid the ball off to Jake ROWLEY who buried a right-foot shot inside the near post.

As Hamble drove forward in search of an equaliser young Alex Sheath was unlucky with a header just wide from Tom Settle's right-wing cross.

But there were gaps opening at the back for the home side and their brave resistance was crushed in stoppage time when substitute BALDACCHINO found the far bottom corner from another Elliott assist.

Sheath sent a late shot wide for Hamble before Dave Ewen ballooned one over at the other end.



ON TARGET: Jake Rowley.

Smart Alek

TWO-GOAL Alek Prezpolewski fired Newport IoW into the FA Vase fourth round.

The prolific striker scored in each half as the Islanders won 4-1 away to Hellenic Premier outfit Ardley United.

Midfielder Joe Rayner's 16th-minute header put the visitors ahead and Prezpolewski doubled the lead ten minutes later.

Prezpolewski headed his 20th of the season from a Tom McInnes cross on the hour. And McInnes scored Newport's fourth from Iain Seabrook's pass in the

68th minute before Ardley grabbed a late consolation.

But Downton lost 2-0 at Cornish outfit Bodmin Town, who play a level below the Sydenhams Wessex leaders in the South-West Peninsula League.

The Salisbury side went behind to a 25-yard free-kick in the 25th minute and Bodmin were denied a second shortly after the break by an excellent penalty save.

But Neil Slateford fired the crucial second into the top corner midway through the second half.

BSB CONFERENCE SOUTH

Dover 2 Eastleigh 0

EASTLEIGH'S poor away form continues. The Spitfires brought in Lee Peacock, Ozei Sankofa and Adam Everett for Jai Reason and Michael Green (both injured) as well as Craig McAllister, who started on the bench.

They fell behind in the sixth minute when Dean Rance was fouled and then Ben MAY converted the resulting penalty.

The visitors' Damien Scannell put in one cross that no-one could get on the end of and Lee Peacock had a shot saved.

At the other end Billy Bricknell had a header saved.

However Dover made it 2-0 when Ricky Modeste crossed for Ben MAY to score a second in the 36th minute.

Glen Southam and Tom Jordan forced saves from the Dover goalkeeper but there was a moment of controversy in the final minute of the half when Jai Reason appeared to score following a free-kick, having earlier come on as substitute, but the goal was disallowed following an offence by Dale Binns that led to Binns being sent off.

After the lively finish to the first half, the second half was comparatively uneventful. However, Eastleigh kept battling although down to ten men. Scannell hit the bar and Mitchell Nelson shot over from a good position.

At the other end Ben May had an effort tipped over by Eastleigh goalkeeper Ross Flitney.

Dover were reduced to ten men themselves when Ricky Modeste was sent off for a foul on 63 minutes.

In the final ten minutes Jai Reason, Ben Cogan and former Eastleigh favourite Daryl McMahon had shots saved for their respective sides.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN PREMIER

AFC Totton 3 Bedworth United 2

TOTTON let slip two goal half-time lead but went on to snatch all three points thanks to a goalkeeping error.

The Stags went in front on 26 minutes when Ryan Hill's long ball up-field reached Dave Allen who coolly lobbed visiting keeper Andy Kemp from just inside the area.

The lead was doubled six minutes later when Mike Gosney curled a delightful low free kick around the wall and past Kemp.

The visitors started the second period brightly and 12 minutes after the break Ashley Spencer's low drive beat Gareth Barfoot at his left hand post to reduce the arrears. And with 72 minutes gone Bedworth were level as Mitchell Piggon turned in the box and fired into the corner but just three minutes later the Stags grabbed the winner when Gosney's corner was mis-punched into the net by the unfortunate Kemp.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS UNDER-15 TROPHY

Southampton 3 Aldershot & Farnham 2

SOUTHAMPTON Boys came from behind to beat Aldershot & Farnham 3-2 and clinch a place in the last 16 of the English Schools' Under-15 Trophy.

They trailed to a stunning left-foot volley strike by Aldershot's Ed Mahoney, but gradually got a foothold on the game and shortly before half-time equalised.

The impressive Sam Jenman split the Aldershot defence and set up Jack Attrill to drill a shot past the advancing goalkeeper.

Six minutes into the second half Southampton got their noses in front.

Mitchell Hunt sent a racking 50-yard free-kick into the Aldershot box and picked out the unmarked Jenman to head Southampton in front.

Southampton's third goal, six minutes from time, was spectacular – and speculative!

Keenan New's shot-cum-cross 30 yards away on the left touchline totally bemused the Aldershot goalkeeper and sailed into the far corner of the net.

Keegan Miller scored Aldershot's second goal in stoppage time.

Heath in hurry to progress

Horndean 0 Bemerton HH 5

BEMERTON Heath Harlequins scored twice in the opening seven minutes and added a third goal midway through the first-half before marching to a 5-0 FA Vase victory over Horndean on the Five Heads Park slope.

Their pacy front-men tore Horndean to shreds in the early stages, with Danny YOUNG giving Bemerton the lead after just two minutes, writes MIKE VIMPANY.

Horndean were caught cold by a giant throw-in by Ed Perrett and Jack Slade laid on a simple chance for Young to score.

Five minutes later Bemerton doubled their lead – Dan BOWMAN slotting the ball past the Horndean goalkeeper.

Horndean's Tommy Woodward had a fierce header saved by Grant Porter before Bemerton stretched their lead further midway through the period. Bowman split the home defence with a thrusting pass from the right and YOUNG stole in to make it 3-0.

Horndean had their chances in an entertaining first half with Porter making several fine saves notably from Nathan Paxton just before half-time.

Kicking up the slope, Horndean put their visitors under sustained pressure after the break, with Porter making several more good saves and Woodward having a close-range effort hacked off the line.

Although they pressed strongly Horndean were simply unable to convert any of their chances – something Bemerton did twice more before the final whistle.

Graham MANKIN powered a bullet header home from a corner to make it 4-0 before SLADE capped a fine individual display with Bemerton's fifth before the end.

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Verwood run ended

VERWOOD Town's three-match winning run was ended 2-0 at high-flying Moneyfields last Saturday, but Potters boss Adie Arnold, below, took plenty of positives from the game.

The Dorset outfit frustrated the hosts until the 74th minute when Jack Lee opened the scoring.

As the game opened up Mike Haskell had three one-on-ones in quick succession and Jack Satterley also squandered a good chance.

But the title-chasing Money men made sure of the points when ex-Saints trainee Bobby Scott struck late on the break.

"It's a difficult place to go," said Arnold. "We rode our luck at times but had four clear chances between their goals."

"It shows how far we've come."

Moneys manager Miles Rutherford was disappointed with his side, saying: "As soon as we went one up we went back to the bad habits and it nearly cost us."

Wykes inspiring rise

LAVERSTOCK & Ford continued their climb away from the Sydenhams Division One basement with a 1-0 win over Amesbury Town.

For the second week in succession, Jordan Cairra scored the only goal of the game, rising unchallenged to head home Sam Matthews' free kick.

"We are going in the right direction and have tightened up the defence," said Lavvy's new boss Andy Wykes, pictured above.

The result plunged Amesbury deeper into trouble and their new manager Gareth Horner conceded: "Laverstock have improved since we lost there in the Hospital Cup."

"Dan Newman and Will Knight have made a massive difference for them at centre back."

"I expect them to push up the table now."

Revenge is sweet

BEMERTON Heath Harlequins came from a goal down to gain revenge on Calne Town for last season's defeat in the Wiltshire Senior Cup final.

Ian Chalk's men won last Saturday's second round tie 3-1, coming back from behind through Eddie Perrett and two-goal Jack Slade.

Debutant Dan Bowman, a right winger dual-signed from Frome Town, set up the third goal in the last minute and defender Dan Pancaldi made his debut after switching camps from league rivals Lymington Town.

"Dan Pancaldi looked like he had been playing for us the whole time and Dan Bowman is a very quick player who did very

well too," said Chalk, pictured right.

"We weren't really at the races in the first half, but we rolled our sleeves up and it was quite comfortable in the end."

Bemerton's week got even better on Tuesday when they triumphed 2-1 at title rivals Christchurch in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

Having had his first goal snuffed out by James Burden, Graham Mankin popped up with an 89th-minute winner that hoisted the Harlequins into second spot behind neighbours Downton.

"If either side deserved to win, it was them because they're a decent side," said Christchurch boss Graham Kemp.

"But the disappointing thing was that we

were in their box and about to get a shot off when we gave it away and they broke straight down the other end and scored.

"That's five points we've dropped in two games having drawn 1-1 at Fawley."

"But there is still a long way to go. We hadn't played for two-and-a-half weeks and I felt that caught up with us a little."

"We are not on a great run at the moment so we need to take stock because we play a lot of the top teams this month."

Downton are also into the Wiltshire Senior Cup last eight after their much-changed side beat Devizes Town on penalties after a 1-1 away draw.

Top marksman Nic Turpin was the Robins' scorer, taking his season's tally to 20.

CONOR LOSS IS NOT MY GOODBYE

WINCHESTER City owner Paul McCarthy understands his son's reasons for leaving the club.

After playing for City for the past four years, 21-year-old centre-back Conor McCarthy has opted to take a break.

Despite playing a key part in City's march to the Sydenhams Premier title last season, McCarthy Jnr's stay has long been plagued by whispers that his dad was keeping him in the side.

But McCarthy Snr, above, reckons that's par for the course for footballing fathers and sons and cites Chelsea's Frank Lampard as a case in point.

He said: "It's always difficult to

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be the chairman's son. It doesn't ever work.

"It was the same sort of thing for Frank Lampard at West Ham."

Bitching

"People said he was only there because of his father, Frank Lampard Snr, and they accused him of being fat and not good enough."

"But Frank's proved them all wrong by playing 90-odd times for England."

McCarthy Snr's critics have also suggested that his main motivation for taking charge of the club in 2008 was to guarantee Conor first-team football.

In which case, surely Conor's



TAKING A BREAK: Conor McCarthy, left.

departure would signal the end of his dad's interest at the Denplan City Ground?

Not a bit of it, according to McCarthy Snr, who stressed: "Plenty of bitching goes on, but Conor leaving won't affect my commitment to Winchester."

"Unless I go skint or have a mental breakdown, I'm here for good," said the ex-boxer.

"It's tough for everyone financially these days and it tests you to be involved with a club like this. It's like a massive charity – all you do is pay money in and get nothing back."

"But I'm going nowhere. My commitment is 100 per cent."

McCarthy Snr is confident ex-Portsmouth youngster Conor will return to football but says that, for now, his university studies are his top priority.

"Conor's studying sports science and sports psychology and he wants to concentrate on that,"

his dad explained.

"It's a massive blow to lose him, but Conor's been struggling to commit to travelling and he's left for the time being."

Play again

"I think he will play again, but maybe for another club."

"I wish Conor good luck wherever he ends up and I'll go and watch him when I can."

Fellow defender James McGowan has also departed the Southern One South & West side to return to his native Scotland.

But with ex-Saint Mike Byrne now back in action following a groin injury and former AFC Totton youngster Adam Tomasso coping well as sweeper, City have just about enough to get by defensively with the addition of promising reserve team duo Adam Conway and Kyle Williams.

'Unless I go skint or have a mental breakdown, I'm here for good'

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Eastleigh boss fuming after two key men suffer injuries

HILL HITS OUT AT HFA OVER CUP PITCHES

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RICHARD Hill is calling on the Hampshire Football Association to protect players from the threat of injury in their Senior Cup competition.

Hill, manager of Cup holders Eastleigh, watched on in dismay as two of his pedigree squad hobbled away from Tuesday's 5-1 win at Fleet Spurs.

Both Michael Green and Jai Reason suffered knee strains, potentially ruling them out of today's important Blue Square Bet South assignment at Dover Athletic.

And Hill, who blames the condition of Spurs' Kennels Lane playing surface for the injuries, believes the HFA should reverse such fixtures rather than put players at risk.

"My biggest fear of going to a place like Fleet Spurs has come true," he said.

"Higher up the football pyramid there is not such a big difference in facilities. If a club comes down from League Two into the Conference South, there's not much difference in the changing rooms and so on and the pitches are much of a muchness.

Parks pitch

"But we're Level 3 and Fleet Spurs are Level 6 and the difference gets greater the lower down you go.

"Would the Hampshire FA expect us to play on a parks pitch on a Saturday afternoon? – because that's what they made us do on Tuesday night.

"Fleet Spurs have earned their right to be in this competition, but no way should senior clubs like Eastleigh, Havant, Totton, Sholing and Winchester be made to play on a surface like that which is bobbly with ruts in it and got icy towards the end.

"Clubs at that level do the best with the facilities they've got. But while they have to pass criteria for things like floodlights, hard standing and so on, nowhere does it say they have to have a suitable playing surface."

Hill intends to pen a letter to the HFA expressing his concern and will suggest that such ties are switched to the senior club's



KNEE INJURY: Eastleigh's Jai Reason, right.

ground in future.

"Would they have expected AFC Bournemouth to play there on Tuesday? I don't think so," he said.

"All I want the HFA to do is switch the fixture and I'd expect that to happen for ourselves, Totton, Havant or any of the local clubs.

Disrespect

"If it's the gate receipts the other club are concerned about, they can have them as far as I'm concerned.

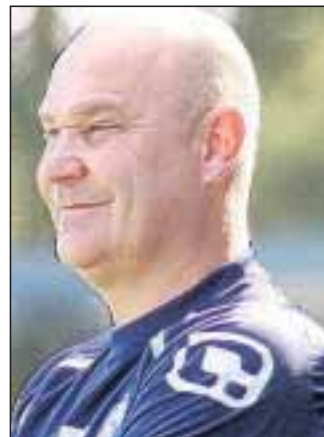
"The county cup holds sway over league games and if we'd sent our youth or reserve team up on Tuesday and got beat, I'd get accused of disrespecting the competition.

"So if the HFA hold the cup in such high regard, they shouldn't disrespect people by making them play on pitches like that."

Two-goal Lee Peacock led Eastleigh through to the quarter-finals, backed by goals from Green, Glen Southam and Reason (penalty). Chris Musgrove scored for Sydneham One outfit Fleet Spurs.

Hill's Spitfires are joined in the last eight by AFC Bournemouth, Gosport Borough, GE Hamble, Alresford Town, AFC Totton and Sholing, Totton & Eling take on Havant & Waterlooville on Wednesday for the final place.

Eastleigh, meanwhile, have welcomed back goalkeeper Ross Flitney on a second month's loan from Gillingham.



CUP CONCERNS: Richard Hill.

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Dads at the double
CONGRATULATIONS to two new dads on the local non-League scene.

Fareham Town boss Matt Parr and his partner Angela last week celebrated the birth of their son Cian Roscoe, weighing in at an impressive 9lb 11oz.

And Eastleigh midfielder Damian

Scannell, pictured, also welcomed a baby boy, Mason, into the world.

"We send our congratulations to Damian and his wife," said Spitfires boss Richard Hill.



What a cracking Day

WELLING United player-boss Jamie Day was named Blue Square Bet South manager-of-the-month for November.

The Wings won all five of their matches during that period, including three league victories which kept the pressure up on league leaders Salisbury City.

Invariably the manager-of-the-month award is a curse, but not so for midfield maestro Day.

Having fallen behind to an early Craig McAllister goal at Eastleigh last Saturday, Welling hit back for a 3-1 win to get December off to an ideal start.

The Wings continued to fly on Tuesday, beating ten-man Bromley 3-1 at Park View Road. Ali Fuseini – briefly an Eastleigh player last season – scored the visitors' consolation goal.

Donovan Simmonds of Chelmsford City scooped the BSB South player-of-the-month prize.

Sholing's home draw
SHOLING have been drawn at home to Wimborne Town in the third round of the Southern League's Red Insure Cup.

Matches are due to be played in the week commencing January 7.

Full draw: Barwell v Leamington, Bedford Town v Arlesey Town, Frome Town v Paulton Rovers, North Leigh v Cinderford Town, Northwood v Hemel Hempstead Town, Sholing v Wimborne Town, Shortwood Utd v Didcot Town, Slough Town v AFC Hayes.

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Casson out on loan

EASTLEIGH's promising defender Callum Casson has joined Didcot Town on an initial month's loan.

Predominantly a left-back, Casson has been on the first-team fringes for the past four seasons having graduated from the Spitfires' youth side.

The Isle of Wight-born 20-year-old was voted the reserve team players' player and supporters' player-of-the-year last season and signed a contract extension in the summer having been a Suburban League regular since 2008.

The Spitfires' reserve team boss Dan Wright said: "This is a good opportunity for Callum to continue his footballing development, gain added experience and fulfil his potential."

Oxfordshire outfit Didcot are well known to Eastleigh's first-team boss Richard Hill, who had a spell helping out as coach of the Railwaymen during Stuart Peace's time in charge.

Unfortunately for Casson his debut for the Southern One South & West strugglers ended in defeat last Saturday. The Railwaymen lost 2-0 at home to Bridgwater, making it just one point gained from the last 12.

Magpies stole big win STEVE Cuss admitted Wimborne Town's biggest win in 22 months slightly flattered them.

Five different goalscorers – Micky Hubbard, Kevin Gill, Tom Jeffes, Steve Smith and Matt Kemble – helped the Magpies to a 5-1 success over Taunton Town in the Southern One South & West on Tuesday.

It was their largest victory margin since a 5-0 drubbing of Clevedon in February 2011 and their first win in five attempts over the Peacocks as the two former FA Vase winners locked horns at Cuthbury.

"I have got to be honest. The scoreline probably did flatter us a little," said manager Cuss, pictured.

"But it was a bonus for us to have five different goalscorers."



Town fire out the Shots

CHRIS Manning and Zach Glasspool combined to make history for Alresford Town on Tuesday night.

Both players scored in a magnificent 2-1 victory over a young Aldershot Town side, sending the merry Magpies through to the quarter-finals of the Hampshire FA Senior Cup for the first time in their history.

Npower League Two outfit Aldershot travelled with a talented squad of under-18 players, plus senior goalkeeper Ross Worner, who is working his way back to fitness after ten months out with a back injury.

The young pros took the lead on 11 minutes when centre-back Adam Brice pumped a long ball forward and pacy striker Reece Beckles-Richards ran on to beat Alresford keeper Steve Phillips one-on-one.

That brought the best out of the Magpies who dazzled their visitors with some fine passing football and forced Worner into a

couple of excellent saves from Manning and Glasspool.

The Sydenhams Premier high-fliers upped their game a notch after the break and took the lead on 59 minutes when Manning fed Warren Bentley on the right and raced on to receive the return pass. The central midfielder took the ball at pace and fired an unstoppable volley past 'keeper Luke Williams, on as a second-half substitute for Worner.

Ten minutes later the Magpies conjured up another fine finish when Glasspool held off his marker and beat the advancing Williams with a sublime chip.

Shots boss Dean Holdsworth was just pleased to see 23-year-old Worner back in action for the first time since February.

"I am so pleased for Ross," he said. "It has been a difficult ten months for him and he has battled through a frustrating period with dedication and determination. I am hoping this will be the re-start of his career."



SCORERS: Alresford Town's goalscorers Chris Manning, right, and Zach Glasspool.

FORCE IS WITH LUKE ...

Killick hails Burbidge impact

TOM Killick says Poole Town's surprise package Luke Burbidge is "a revelation."

The ex-Cherries trainee took the plaudits after the Dolphins had kept the heat on Southern One South & West leaders Hungerford with an impressive 2-1 win at high-flying promotion rivals Tiverton Town last Saturday.

Captain Michael Walker put the Dolphins in front before Marvin Brooks doubled the advantage with his fifth goal in 11 league games this season.

Dave Pearse gave Tivvy hope with 14 minutes remaining, but Poole held strong for an important victory.

While delighted with his team's all-round display, Killick was keen to highlight the efforts of Burbidge and Glenn Howes in particular.

Burbidge had looked set to sign for Blackfield & Langley during the summer, but he opted to join Poole after netting 42 goals in 94 Sydenhams League appearances for Hamworthy United.

Killick believes he is proving to be a fine signing.

"We got Luke from Hamworthy and I didn't know how things would pan out," said the Dolphins chief.

"His work-rate is phenomenal and he has good ability."

"He has been a huge positive for us."

"I could probably play him at right-back, anywhere across the



SURPRISE PACKAGE: Poole Town's Luke Burbidge, right.

middle or up front.

"He played wide right last Saturday and him and Glenn Howes were probably our best players."

"Luke is improving all the time and we are very pleased with him. We are lucky to have him."

"He is technically good but marries it with exceptional work-rate."

"We were a little bit worried about replacing Kevin Gill, but Luke has been a revelation."

"You know what you are going to get every week. He is very consistent for a young player."

Although Tiverton's late goal made for a tense finale, Killick said: "Sometimes I look at the players and the way they are preparing and I sense it is going to be a day when they refuse to be beaten."

"I just sensed on Saturday that we would do well and every one of the players was exceptional."

"It was a really good result, but the performance probably merited a more comprehensive victory."

"The season has been stop-start and we have to make sure we back this up."

Poole's hopes of reeling in Hungerford were boosted on Monday when the Berkshire table-toppers were soundly beaten 4-0 at home by Merthyr Town, who had triumphed 3-0 at Winchester City on Saturday.

The Dolphins eased into the semi-finals of the Dorset Senior Cup this week with a 4-1 win over Bridport at Tatnam – Steve Devlin, Will Spetch, Sam Wilson and Adam Kelly the scorers. Ex-Poole defender Ryan Dovell scored for Bridport.

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MILLERS TITLE HOPES LOOK A STEP TOO FAR

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Killick helps
Poppies grow



BIG MISS: Totton & Eling's Phil Ward, left.

TOTTON & Eling are back to winning ways in the Sydenham Premier Division.

But, hand on heart, manager Kev Dawtry fears the club's title hopes were irreparably damaged by the calamitous run that preceded last Saturday's 5-3 home victory over Horndean.

When the Millers won 3-0 at high-riding Moneyfields on October 20, they had the look of serious championship contenders.

But six straight league defeats, in which they conceded an alarming 22 goals, undid all their previous good work and Dawtry reckons it will take a miracle now to get them back in the hunt.

T&E's nightmare November has left them kicking around in mid-table, 15 points shy of title pace.

"I think we're too far behind now," admitted Dawtry, right.

"It's not impossible to get back into it, but we would have to win most of our games.

"It's difficult to tell though with so many teams beating each other.

"Before we went on this bad run, I said the next few games would give us an idea of where we were – and now we know!

"We're probably good enough to challenge in terms of personnel, but the application, to say the least, was not what it should have been.

"We played (league leaders) Downton off the park to lead 3-0 there, but then threw away four goals in the last half-hour.

"You don't win leagues by doing that.

"But we've had a lot of injuries and hopefully we'll get a few people back fit soon and give it our best shot."

The absence of skipper and centre-back Phil Ward with ankle ligament damage has been a factor in T&E's decline, but Dawtry does not accept it is solely to blame.

"Phil was injured in the first ten minutes at Moneyfields and we went on and won 3-0, which just goes to show that if

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we do things properly and apply ourselves we're capable of winning games," he said.

"But we've only got one fit centre-half, Jamie Feasey, at the moment and changing the combinations at the back each week doesn't help.

"All Downton's goals against us were headers and Phil does make a difference being about 6ft 2in tall."

While it was great for T&E to get a win under their belts against Horndean, it wasn't exactly a water-tight display.

"We went 1-0 up and I turned to (assistant) Tony Feeney and said 'I wonder if we can hang onto this for five minutes'," said Dawtry.

"As it turned out, I don't think even five minutes had gone before they equalised!"

T&E rallied to go in 3-1 up at half-time through Craig Feeney (2) and a Steve Green penalty.

Keeper Tony Harrop then conceded a spot kick at the other end but redeemed himself by denying Simon Stone from 12 yards.

Horndean soon pulled it back to 3-2, however, and the rollercoaster ride continued as Feeney completed his hat-trick.

The home side then gave away another penalty, rather harshly awarded against stand-in centre-back Danny Steer. But, once again, the Deans fluffed their lines from the spot with frontline powerhouse Chamal Fenelon guilty of missing.

A Callum Oliver header made it 5-2 to the Millers, leaving Horndean, who scored through Nathan Paxton and Fenelon (2), to have the last word.

Deans boss Dave Carter said: "Totton & Eling must have thought Christmas had come early. We gifted them four goals."



Tony is Kev's wingman

KEV Dawtry has a new right-hand man at Totton & Eling.

Long-time assistant Chris Tona has left due to mounting work commitments and been replaced by Tony Feeney, dad of star striker Craig.

Having worked side by side with Tona for the best part of a decade at Fawley and Totton & Eling, Dawtry will miss his trusty side-kick.

But the Millers boss explained:

"Chris's job takes him all around the south of England and the travelling was taking its toll.

"He's involved with a big project for Thames Water up in London and was setting off a 5.30 in the morning for work.

"It was beginning to wear him down. We'll miss Chris, but I think he's quite relieved to go.

"He did a lot of work in the background here to take the pressure off me as manager,

organising equipment for training and matches, getting the kit sorted out, doing warm-ups, etc.

"They're all things that need to be done that no one really wants to do – not even Chris!"

Handily for Dawtry, he had a ready-made replacement on the doorstep.

He and Feeney Snr played together at Blackfield & Langley and have had 20-year-old Craig's career in common for the last

couple of seasons.

"Tony's managed at Fawley, Blackfield and Hythe & Dibden, so he's experienced," said Dawtry.

"He's been coming to all our games to watch Craig, so it's an easy thing for him to fill in."

Saluting Tona for his efforts, a T&E club statement said: "We would like to thank Chris Tona for all his hard work both on and off the pitch for the Millers."

BOURNEMOUTH Poppies manager Ken Vaughan has expressed gratitude to his Poole Town counterpart Tom Killick for allowing him to dual-sign frontman Karim Lammali.

Lammali made an instant impact for the Victoria Park club as he and Martin Warren bagged a brace apiece in Poppies' 4-1 Sydenham Premier win at Alton Town last Saturday.

Ex-Poppies midfielder Scott Sanderson scored a consolation for the Brewers, but Vaughan's men bounced back from their 4-0 midweek mauling by Division One underdogs East Cowes Vics in the Sydenham League Cup.

Discussing two-goal hero Lammali, Vaughan, above, said: "I was over the moon that Tom offered him to us. He is just such a competitor."

Lammali was on target once again on Tuesday as Poppies came back from behind to eclipse Fareham Town 3-1 at Victoria Park.

The visitors went ahead after 12 minutes with a goal from former Eastleigh youngster Liam Robinson, who recently joined the ranks from Sholing.

But Lammali nodded home a Fawzi Saadi free kick four minutes later and, with half-time approaching, skipper Charlton Clarke headed Poppies into a 2-1 lead.

Fareham's cause wasn't helped when Wayne Boud saw red for dissent with 20 minutes remaining and the ten men succumbed to a third goal ten minutes later when Warren converted Saadi's cross with a stunning volley.

"We played well and picked up from where we left off on Saturday. It was good to back up one good display with another," said a delighted Vaughan.

But it was a disappointing night for Fareham boss Matt Parr who had hoped to build on Saturday's gutsy 1-0 home win over in-form Alresford Town.

Gary Austin had settled that game with a 30th-minute header from Boud's pin-point cross.

"Defensively we were at our best and we needed to be," said Parr. "Otherwise I feel Alresford could have taken a point.

"We've played better and we've played prettier this season and come away with nothing."

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Respect is due to nice guys Fawley

FAWLEY AFC may be suffering a dip in results right now, but they are at least top of one league table.

Colin Lane's Watersiders are setting the pace in the Sydenhams Premier Division's 'Respect' charts, based on the fewest red and yellow cards.

With a sending-off accumulating ten points and a caution totalling up three, Fawley are officially the best behaved top-tier club so far this term with 60 points.

Waterside neighbours Blackfield & Langley are second on 63 with Steve Brougham's Newport IoW third on 69.

Propping up the table are Moneyfields and AFC Portchester, who have amassed 147 and 136 points respectively.

Laverstock & Ford and US Portsmouth are the blue-eyed boys of Sydenhams One, jointly topping the 'Respect' table with a saintly 12 points apiece.

Amesbury Town are far and away the worst behaved with a whopping 148 points – well adrift of second-to-bottom Andover New Street's 83.

As an incentive for good discipline, the league will hand out monetary rewards to the top four clubs at the end of the season.

First place in both divisions is worth £400 and there is £300 on offer for finishing second, £200 for third and £100 for fourth.

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Lane: All to play for in Premier title race

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

COLIN Lane is forecasting a five-horse race for the Sydenhams Premier Division title.

If his hunch is proved right, it could unfold into one of the most thrilling Wessex championship contests of recent years.

By while that spells good news for the clubs involved, Lane reckons it will make life tougher for the likes of his charges, Fawley AFC, to have so many quality teams hungry for every point.

Having watched the Oilers trounced 5-0 by league leaders Downton on Saturday, Lane is in no doubt that Jeff Softley's Robins will be there or thereabouts come the end of April.

Moneyfields, Christchurch and Bemerton Heath Harlequins – runners-up for the last two seasons – will also be in the mix, according to the Oilers chief, and Lane's fifth title tips are Fawley's Waterside neighbours Blackfield & Langley, who are currently mid-table but have plenty of games in hand.

"I'd take Bemerton, Downton and Blackfield to finish top-three," he said. "I was impressed with Moneyfields too but, like I said at the start of the season, I think poor discipline will cost them."

"It's good for the league to have five clubs going for the title, but it's bad news for the other clubs to have such a big group who all want to win it."

"Last year it was only really Winchester City who were that much better than everyone else, but this year we've got five of them."

"I reckon the title race will go to the last couple of games."

Having faced every side in the top eight already, Lane has a fair idea about the strengths of the main contenders and can understand why Downton are leading the pack.

"Bemerton play better football, but Downton are a bigger-built, more physical side with plenty of experience," he said.

"They're a very good team and I was impressed with them last year too."

What angered Lane last Saturday, however, was that having battled hard against some of the other top sides in recent weeks, Fawley laid down and died against Downton.

"For the first 15 minutes we were in the game. We had a goal disallowed for offside against Ian Moore and a Rob Flooks header which the

Bradbury snaps up Cherries ace

YOUNG AFC Bournemouth centre-back Dan Strugnell has joined Blue Square Bet South strugglers Havant & Waterlooville on a month's loan.

The 20-year-old, pictured, links up with former Cherries boss Lee Bradbury, who succeeded Stuart Ritchie as manager at Westleigh Park.

Strugnell joined Bournemouth as a schoolboy and signed a professional contract in May.

It was Bradbury who handed him his only first-team appearance for the Cherries in February this year when he replaced broken leg victim Stephen Purches in the 13th minute at Rochdale.

He has previously had spells in non-League with Wimborne Town and Bashley.

Strugnell is the fifth Cherries young gun to be sent out on loan in recent weeks, following in the footsteps of Josh Wakefield (Dagenham & Redbridge), Mark Molesley (Plymouth), Wesley Thomas (Blackpool) and Bailey Cargill (AFC Totton).

Strugnell made his Hawks debut last Saturday, but didn't get the result he wanted as the Hawks sank back into the BSB South relegation zone with a 2-1 home defeat by Bromley.

Having fallen behind on 11 minutes, Ollie Palmer gave Havant hope with a 23rd-minute leveller.

Left-back Dan Butler, whose loan from Portsmouth has been extended to the end of the year, sent a sublime over-the-shoulder ball forward for Palmer to run on to and slot past the stranded keeper.

But the Hawks faded badly after the break and succumbed to a second goal by Bromley brace man Joe Pigott in the 67th minute.

"It was unfortunate that we didn't turn up for the second half," said Bradbury.

"I am putting it down to a poor 45 minutes rather than the personnel being unable to do it."

Palmer's goal was his tenth in the league this season, putting him joint top of the BSB scoring charts with Salisbury City's ex-Saint Jamie White.

Things perked up for the Hawks on Tuesday when they progressed to the FA Trophy second round with a 2-1 over Conference Premier strugglers Braintree Town.

Christian Nanetti (penalty) and Stefan Bailey booked a trip to Grimsby Town next Saturday (December 15).



lads said was over the line. But, after that, nothing," he shrugged.

"We were outplayed and outclassed and, at the end of the day, it's not good enough."

"The thing that really disappoints me is that we competed well with Moneyfields, Christchurch and Bemerton and then just rolled over against Downton."

"I knew from the players' body language before the game what we were going to get."

"I didn't speak to them afterwards

and they didn't speak to me. We'll have a chat in training," he added.

It was Fawley's third defeat in the space of eight miserable days after losing 4-3 at Bemerton and 4-2 at home to Fareham Town.

But the Oilers are still competitively placed in mid-table and Lane's chief concern now is to stop this season unravelling like the last one.

Having got off the 2011/12 campaign off to a promising start, Fawley fell into a winter decline – a

slide that ultimately cost Lane's predecessor Paul Wiltshire his job.

"This is only our third season in this league and, realistically, it takes about four or five years to build it up, particularly when you're not a paying club," said Lane.

"But what we've got to be careful of is getting nothing out of December."

"If that happens, we'll have gone through the same run as we did last year."

Non-league Football

HARVEY: HYTHE & DIBDEN ARE A WORK IN PROGRESS

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WITH just 16 teams in Sydenhams One this season, table-propping Hythe & Dibden are unlikely to face relegation should they fail to haul themselves out of bottom spot.

But manager Wayne Harvey insists he can see "light at the end of the tunnel" for the Watersiders, who finished last in an 18-horse race last term yet still managed to retain their Wessex League status.

Having won just two and lost ten of 12 league games to date, Hythe will need a dramatic improvement in results if they are to pull clear of fellow cellar-dwellers Amesbury, Andover New Street and the recently revived Laverstock & Ford.

On the face of it, a 6-1 defeat at Stockbridge last Saturday wasn't much cause for optimism, but Harvey said: "We didn't have a side out."

"Three of our back four were missing and, but for poor defending, we could have drawn the game 6-6. We missed a hatful of chances, including an open goal from two yards out."

Central defensive trio Charlie Hartup, Liam Coffin and Calum Frampton were all unavailable, but Paul Liddon was arguably the most missed of Hythe's absentees.

The experienced right-back, who recently returned to Jones Lane from Brockenhurst, was busy moving house.

"My problem is that we haven't got a lot of experience and we miss Lids when he's not playing because he comes in and calms things down," said Harvey.

"But I can see a light at the end of the tunnel because, when we've got a full squad out, we're a match for anyone."

"We beat Fleet Spurs 1-0 and battered them and we've done well for 45 minutes in other games, but we can't seem to put it together for 90."

"We've got nowhere to train at the moment, which doesn't help because we are unable to work on any mistakes we make on a Saturday."

As well as signing Liddon, Hythe have got centre-half Dan Moss back from Romsey Town and fended off interest from GE Hamble for Wayne O'Dell.

Until recently they had



EYES ON THE BALL: Action from Hythe & Dibden's (green strip) 6-1 loss to Stockbridge.

H&D BOSS CAN SEE THE LIGHT

Matthew Fredericks in goal, but the AFC Totton under-18 stopper – outstanding in the Stags' recent FA Youth Cup win at AFC Bournemouth – has been recalled by his parent club. Frontman O'Dell had to fill in as an emergency 'keeper, but Hythe have since solved the problem by signing George Passingham from Sydenhams Premier outfit Lymington Town.

"Results will pick up once we get a stronger team out –

even if I have to pull on the boots myself!" promised Harvey, a former centre-back who played for Blackfield & Langley and Lymington & New Milton before finishing his career under Kev Dawtry at Fawley AFC.

Realistically, though, the 37-year-old will have to remain in the dugout at least until he has an operation to cure his troublesome knee.

Although Hythe's youth-

ful side had just as much of the game as Stockbridge last Saturday, it was the hosts who found the finishing touch.

With just nine minutes gone Mike Barker nodded home a cross by Dave Cotter, who then doubled the Robins' advantage with a header of his own.

Barker then claimed his second of the game, turning home Jack Hutchings's cross-shot, and Hutchings glanced in a header from

Jamie Coleman's free kick to make it 4-0 at the break.

Hythe made a lively start to the second period, but slipped further behind on 55 minutes when Lewis Bain delivered for Hutchings to complete a headed brace.

Cotter, a threat all afternoon, made it six with his second of the game from 25 yards before Hythe's Ash Hewer poked wide when it looked easier to score.

To their credit, the Watersiders kept pouring forward and got some reward three minutes from time when Hewer atoned for his earlier miss with a precision finish.

"We can't go down while there are 16 in the league and we're building for next year," said Harvey, who is assisted at Jones Lane by Darren Harvey and Wayne Oakley.

"But we've got a big game coming up at home to Laverstock on Saturday (today) and a win would close the gap."

Non-league News

Woods keeps pulling trees

AFC PORTCHESTER boss Glenn Bridgman warned before the start of the season that Simon Woods was capable of doing damage in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

And the Wicor Rec boss has proved as good as his word with Woods boosting his tally to 20 goals in 14 games with a hat-trick at New Milton Town last Saturday.

The lightning-fast goal machine, back in the starting line-up after injury, gave the Linnets nightmares with his pace and movement as Portchester triumphed 3-1 at Fawcett's Field.

"He could easily have scored six," said Bridgman, who led Portchester to promotion from Division One last term.

"We know other clubs are watching him, but he is happy playing with us."

Bridgman predicted back in August that other clubs would show interest in Woods, but felt sure the prolific marksman would not leave Portchester.

He said at the time:

"Simon's a local lad who grew up with this club."

"His dad ran a youth side called Kia Royals who joined up with Portchester about ten years ago."

"Simon's 23 now, but I've known him since he was 12. He's got a great relationship with the club."

"He does have ambition to play higher, but he wants to do it with Portchester."

Ben Thomson scored in the final minute for New Milton, but it was not enough to turn the tide for the third-to-bottom Linnets who are without a win in their last seven league games.

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Meet the Manager

AFC HILTINGBURY

Nicola Sperring

Where are you from: Southampton
Position in the club: Stand-in manager, club secretary, seniors manager and U12s manager

Who do you support: AFC Hiltingbury

Favourite player: AFC Hiltingbury's Will Lane – but I love all of them

Your best footballing moment: Receiving club secretary of the year award – makes all the work/effort for such a great club worthwhile

Best goal you have ever seen: Any that Hiltingbury score!

Ambitions for the club: (Possibly the longest answer ever given to this question!) The last couple of years we have consolidated and been bedding in the new committee that now run the club. It is our ambition to double the committee numbers over the next 12 months to support the modernisation of AFC Hiltingbury which will include the launch of our academy next summer. AFC Hiltingbury has been a key cornerstone club in the community helping to give any child access to play football. We will be continuing this route while developing a multi-tier seeding team approach in order that we can push the club forward so we can win more honours. We are looking to develop our existing teams ranging from under-seven to senior men's football while creating further teams for next season.

About the team

Nickname: The Amsterdams
Local pub: Monks Brook – Chandler's Ford

Team tightwad with the subs: Will Lane

Ladies' man: I won't say who he is

Best haircut: Tom Sands

Worst haircut: Lewis Benson

Club jester: Head coach Lewis Stevenson. He attacked a previous manager's clothing and baseball cap with Deepheat – he couldn't figure out why his head was burning!

Club's dodgiest driver: Will Lane

Who owns the worst car and what is it? Jamie Edwards – everyone laughs at his Daewoo.

WHITE STAR WOMBLES

Alan Milligan

Age: 44

From: Shirley, Southampton

Occupation: Health and safety

Supports: Kilmarnock

Best footballing

moment: Winning Southampton

Saturday Junior 6 and the Roy

Whiteman Cup in 2008

About the team

Nickname: The Wombles

Local pub: The Two Brothers in Townhill

Team tightwads with the subs: Tom Smith and James Whicher

Ladies' man: Daniel Powell

Best haircut: Ben Sinclair

Worst haircut: James May – to match his shocking shirts

Club jester: James Whicher

Club's dodgiest driver: Coops, which is why he relies on Jock to pick him up.
Who owns the worst car and what is it: Smiffy, he still has a van that makes him look like Postman Pat.



SHEPPARD LEADS

ON A freezing Saturday afternoon it was unsurprising that both AFC Hiltingbury and White Star Wombles suffered injury crises.

As soon as I introduced myself to Hiltingbury they told me they had five unavailable. As for White Star Wombles, they were, in the words of Harry Redknapp, down to the bare-bones.

With just 11 players including the manager Alan Milligan, who was busy booting the ball at the keeper and doing stretches whilst trying to tell me about the team, this was set to be a struggle. The weather was truly cold enough to turn a steaming cup of tea into ice.

AFC Hiltingbury are having a mixed season with three wins and four defeats, as their secretary and step-in manager for the day Nicola Sheppard told me that they almost disbanded last season – but she stepped into the breach to keep the club going.

Now they are back on the up. Nicola explained that many of the players could play at a higher level, but because they have grown up playing for Hiltingbury they want to stay there.

The team is everything that a club at the heart of a community should be. Well run, well organised and well supported.

It is little surprise that Nicola won club secretary of the year last year, her hard work behind the scenes sorting out meetings, club discipline and making sure things run smoothly has helped the team immeasurably.

OUCH! AFC Hiltingbury's Brad Benson (red) clashes with White Star's Tom Wilkinson.

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On the pitch however the graft comes down to head coach Lewis Stevenson who had the impossible job of being linesman, head coach and running a stall at a Fete in the village hall.

For White Star Wombles, their first season in the Southampton Senior Premier Division has been a baptism of fire. With five defeats and one draw, they're desperately after new players and a new manager for next season, although the players seemed in good spirits despite the odds being stacked against them.

Alan Milligan reported the players all get on well, but though there

are more than 20 signed on, they have barely got a side together for the past few games.

The game started frantically, both teams trying to keep warm by passing the ball back and forth between each other, but Wombles were having the better of the action with their more direct approach.

Despite a clear lack of chances and action, Wombles took the lead when a left wing free kick from 40 yards found the head of the unmarked James Whicher who rose highest to loop a header beyond the dive of Jamie Edwards.

The action on the field was bitty,

gritty and not very pretty. Wombles looked dangerous at set pieces and almost added a second when a free kick was almost diverted in by a Hiltingbury defender.

Wombles were first to the ball and were playing like a team possessed on getting their first win, and they went close again when James May toe poked the ball onto the outside of the post.

Hiltingbury were playing like a team of strangers unable to string four passes together, or seemingly attempting too much, time after time gifting the ball to Wombles who also failed to make the most of their first half dominance.

GETTING A GRIP: Action from AFC Hiltingbury (red) v White Star Wombles.

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AFC HILTINGBURY: Back row (from left): Lewis Stevenson, Tom Richards, Sam Oliver, Andy Lewis, Jamie Edwards, Darryl Patience, Alex Wardron and Nicola Sperring. Front: Brad Benson, Adam Chamberlain, Craig Siggins and Tyler Rossi. Order no: 15547441



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HER FLOCK TO WIN



GOAL: AFC Hiltingbury keeper Jamie Edwards is beaten.

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Match Highlight:

Possibly the final whistle it was that cold out there. If I had to choose one it would be when goalkeeper Jamie Edwards, when under no pressure, managed to dive over the ball and make a harmless long pass into a corner in comical fashion.

Match lowlight: The first half – I was able to keep my hands in my pockets and away from my notepad because there was so little goal-mouth action.

Match rating: The scoreline flattered Hiltingbury who did superbly to come back in the second half

6/10

Referee rating: Brian Francis did an excellent job; he controlled the game and neither team were shouting at the ref. Was quick to intervene when Wombles got frustrated and started to kick out. Let the game flow

9/10

Ref: Brian Francis

Age: 59

From: Horton Heath

Occupation:

Engineering manager

Favourite footballing

memory: All those goals by Matthew Le Tissier.

lucky that their mis-
n't capitalised on fully
d-up Wombles side.
Lewis and Nicola said at
Hiltingbury seemed to
d some magic, because
the whistle blew for the
Hiltingbury looked a
tfit.

fielder Lewis Benson
ng the play like a non-
res Iniesta. First to
Hiltingbury was Daryl
o fired into the legs of
pper Daniel Powell.

ots soon followed and
ere camped inside their
hen came the moment

that changed the game, a corner
was fumbled by Daniel Powell
which allowed Paul Lane to fire the
rebound home.

Now Hiltingbury started to look
dangerous each time they
attacked.

But Wombles should have levelled
when Paul Brazier scuffed a
clear chance when put clean
through, then down the other end
Benson flighted in a wicked cross
that found the head of Adam
Chamberlayne who finished with
aplomb.

With quick, short, snappy pass-
ing Hiltingbury were in cruise con-
trol and had a grip of the game,

with Wombles collapsing like a line
of dominos.

Minutes after that the game was
all but won when in the 70th
minute Benson broke away and put
through Darryl Patience who
calmly cut inside in the penalty
box and finished neatly at the near
post to make it 3-1.

Hiltingbury came close with a
free kick by Tom Richards, who
also forced another smart save
from Daniel Powell who was being
kept busy by a rampant
Hiltingbury attack.

To add insult to an injury-hit
depleted Wombles side that had
clearly run out of gas, Hiltingbury

added extra gloss to the score when
a long ball found Will Lane who
rounded the keeper and collided
with Kev Abslom, resulting with
the ball bobbling in for 4-1.

It's a well known, and often worn-
out footballing cliché, that it's a
game of two halves, and this cer-
tainly proved it. Wombles came off
looking shattered, angry and tired,
the team went from dominating to
being dominated all in the space of
a five minute half-time break.

Whatever Nicola said to the team
at half time, certainly worked won-
ders, perhaps she should add inspi-
rational team motivator to her list
of AFC Hiltingbury duties.



**ON THE
RUN:** White
Star
Wombles'
Chris Cooper.

Order no:
15547348



WHITE STAR WOMBLES: Back row (from left): Kev Abslom, Jamie Gould, Dan Powell, Graham Smith, James
Whicher, Chris Cooper and Alan Milligan. Front: Paul Brazier, Ben Sinclair, James May and Tom Wilkinson.

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Team Ratings

AFC HILTINGBURY

Jamie Edwards: Comes from the U18
side and has been on the books with
Winchester City. Superb reactions7

Craig Siggins: Travels from the Isle of
Wight to play. Had a great second half
and kept the busy Wombles out with
some good slide tackles7

Adam Chamberlain: One of the most
intelligent at the club and has a great
Left foot. 8 per cent pass success rate! 7

Brad Benson: Knows the game inside
out. One of the best left backs in
Hampshire – apparently7

Sam Oliver: Loves the game, passion is
great, an old school Hiltingbury player
that has come up through the leagues
with the club7

Andrew Lewis: Recently back to the
game after two years out through injury.
A loyal player7

Lewis Benson: Great skill, plenty of
goals, the difference between winning
and losing a match. He will be a great
manager one day. Very calm and com-
posed, doesn't lose his head. Man of
the match9

Darryl Patience: Two goals and second
best player on the pitch. Knows how to
be in the right place at the right time . .8

Alex Waldron: Stepped into the side
from the U18 team and put in some good
crosses. Tricky customer7

Tyler Rossi: Another one from the U18
side. Quick feet and pacy; one for the
future7

Tom Richards: Top goal scorer; could
play higher but loves his mates. Loves a
trip abroad8

Will Lane: Workhorse of the team. Led
the line well8

WHITE STAR WOMBLES

Dan Powell: Known as 'Mr Wombles'.
Longest serving Womble. Has carried the
team7

Kevin Abslom: Had a solid game, new
signing and fitted in well7

Alan Milligan: More input off the ball
than on it. Likes to get stuck in but has a
very good temperament6

James May: Like his top gear namesake
his nickname is 'Captain Slow'. Came
through Wombles youth team. He still
has to have his dad on the pitch to look
after him. Should have scored6

Graham Smith: Moans more than Victor
Meldrew in the changing room and
creaks more than an old door when play-
ing. Our vice captain has hung up his
boots more times than goals we have
conceded. Always comes back though 6

James Whicher: Only player to have
more yellow cards than appearances for
us. Costly. But got on the scoresheet
with an excellent header and dominated
in the air7

Jamie Gould: New signing and already
acquired the nickname 'Statto'. Caused
some problems in the first half7

Chris Cooper: Pre-match warm-up con-
sists of getting changed, checking his
phone for his accumulator and the odd
shot at the keeper. So laid back he's hor-
izontal7

Ben Sinclair: New addition this season,
wants to play like Westy but got stats
like Ant. Great addition to the team this
season7

Paul Brazier: 'Houdini'. Guaranteed he
won't be available for more than one
match in a season and is a proud owner
of the first edition of '1001 excuses not
to play football this week'6

Tom Wilkinson: Got stuck in with some
nice challenges in the first half6

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Non-league Football



It's six of the best

DREW SMITH SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Netley Central Spt	7	5	1	1	17	12	16
Nursling	6	5	0	1	19	3	15
Bush Hill	6	4	1	1	16	8	13
AFC Hittingbury	9	4	0	5	16	25	12
Cadnam United	6	3	1	2	25	12	10
Questmap	4	3	0	1	24	6	9
Comrades	4	2	1	1	13	5	7
Bishopstoke WMC	7	2	1	4	18	32	7
Soton University	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
BTC Soton	6	1	0	5	14	26	3
White Star Wombles	6	0	1	5	2	22	1
Thornhill	5	0	0	5	4	23	0

Senior 1							
East Boldre	8	6	1	1	34	12	19
Hedge End Tn	8	6	1	1	29	16	19
Soton Energy	7	6	0	1	40	8	18
Comrades Res	10	4	2	4	23	14	7
BTC Soton Res	7	2	0	1	3	4	6
Park Sports	5	4	0	1	17	7	12
Nursling Res	7	3	0	4	15	20	9
Hythe Aztecs	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Durley Res	8	1	1	6	8	31	4
White Horse	4	1	0	3	10	17	3
Michelmersh & T Res	7	0	1	6	5	29	1
Burridge AFC	6	0	0	6	6	30	0

Junior 1							
Langley Manor	9	5	2	2	23	17	17
Veracity Vipers	7	5	1	1	26	11	16
Q K Soton A	7	4	0	3	18	23	12
Braishfield	8	2	1	5	13	19	7
Solent Saints	3	2	0	1	3	4	6
Riverside	4	1	2	1	11	8	5
Compton	5	1	2	1	11	13	5
AFC Grains	4	1	1	2	9	11	4
Forest Tn Res	7	1	1	5	12	19	4

Junior 2							
Compton Res	7	6	1	0	18	8	19
Harefield	5	5	0	0	26	7	15
Questmap Res	8	3	1	4	23	33	10
Chamberlayne Ath	5	3	0	2	16	9	9
West Totton	6	3	0	3	12	12	9
London Airways	6	3	0	3	11	12	9
Hamble Utd	5	2	1	2	16	9	7
FC Wellington	5	1	1	3	21	14	4
Inmar	5	1	0	4	8	23	3
Otterbourne A	6	0	0	6	3	27	0

Junior 3							
Bitterne	11	5	4	2	41	22	19
Warsash Wasps	7	5	1	1	18	11	16
Stanton	9	4	2	3	25	18	14
AFC Gulf Western	4	3	1	0	10	3	10
Lyndhurst Res	7	3	1	3	13	15	10
Wellow	8	3	0	5	13	19	9
Infinity Res	6	2	1	3	11	6	7
Capital	7	2	1	4	13	22	7
Bricklayers AFC	7	1	3	3	14	29	6
AFC Gordons	8	1	2	5	8	21	5

Junior 4							
Chandlers Ford	6	4	1	1	23	8	13
Horton Heath	7	4	1	2	29	23	13
Priory Rovers	6	3	2	1	24	10	11
New Forest	6	2	2	2	13	19	8
Cricketers Eastleigh	6	2	1	3	13	20	7
Appelwood Joinery	3	2	0	1	12	8	6
Harefield Res	7	2	0	5	16	25	5
Botley Village	5	1	2	2	15	15	5
S G Sports	5	1	2	2	16	22	5
Good Companions	5	1	1	3	15	26	4

Junior 5							
AFC Phoenix XI	8	6	1	1	25	14	19
FC Wellington Res	9	5	1	3	22	19	16
Sporting Wessex	7	4	1	2	22	12	13
Athletico Romsey	9	3	2	4	16	18	11
Botley Village Res	4	3	1	0	21	3	10
Hamble Utd Res	10	2	3	5	24	40	9
New Forest Res	9	2	2	5	15	28	8
Upham Res	8	2	1	5	25	26	6
Rover	6	2	0	4	18	28	6

Junior 6							
Burridge Village	10	6	2	2	32	18	20
Mitre	8	6	0	2	28	18	18
AFC Station	7	5	1	1	29	8	16
South Coast Sports	10	4	1	5	35	33	13
BTC Soton A	10	4	1	5	24	33	13
B Waltham Dyn	4	4	0	0	20	6	12
AFC Stoneham A	8	3	1	4	18	25	10
Braishfield Res	9	2	1	6	22	27	7
Michelmersh & T A	10	0	1	9	8	48	1

● Tables do not include this weekend's games.

VETERANS: Colden Common made certain of their place in the County Cup semi-final with a 6-0 creaming of Bishop's Waltham with Lee Smith scoring four.

Joining them are Sporting BTC, who won 3-0 against BTC B thanks to Nick Allen, Darren Randall and an own goal.

Hythe Aztecs progressed 2-0 at the expense of C division upstarts AFC Stoneham with Tim Rodham and Kev Reardon on target.

Nursling and Redlynch battle it out for the last place on Dec 8.

Woolston edged Locks Heath 3-2 in the

Vets League Cup with John Prout, Mark Burden and Mike Allen taking them through.

It was a case of away days in Vets A as both Nursling, 2-1 at Redlynch, and Q K Soton, 2-0 at GE Aviation A, won on their travels.

Baddesley continued the trend in the B division as Stuart Salter grabbed the only goal at Compton. That's where it ended though as RS Winchester crushed Sporting BTC B 8-0 with James Wilson playing a nap hand. Hedge End Rangers (Andy Bungay) dropped their first points

held one each by GE Aviation B (Billy Kelly). In the C Division Chris Dixon hit the only goal of the game for Royal Mail at Michelmersh & T. Langley Manor defeated Redbridge OB 6-0, with Neil Roberts grabbing a brace.

The Over 40 section saw Hamble Club set out their ambitions with a 4-2 win against second placed Wildern - Mark Childs, Darren Gooch, Stuart Headington and Richie Mostram sharing the honours. Phil Swainston scored two in Langley Tavern's 3-1 win at Winchester OB's



BITTERNE FC: Junior 3 promotion hopefuls. Back row (from left): Ricky Fernandez (manager), Sungwe Siame, Justin Down, Darren Webster, Ryan Wagstaff, Matt Reeves, Elliott Walker, Max Hawkins. Front: Paul Dixon, Liam Foulds, Josh Fernandez, Billy Taylor, Mieszko Onuwski, Sam Driscoll.

Vipers floored by Jacobs

BRAISHFIELD stunned Veracity Vipers 2-0 with Ben Jacobs scoring both goals in the Junior 1 top v bottom clash.

Braishfield leapt six places up the table whilst Vipers dropped to second.

Langley Manor went top after a Brendon Rafai goal earned them three points at Forest Town Res.

Compton Res moved further clear at the top of Junior 2 with a 4-1 win at Wellington.

Questmap Res jumped to third with a 4-0 thumping of local rivals Hamble United.

West Totton inflicted a 3-1 defeat on Otterbourne A but had to recover after letting in an early goal.

Stanton made up ground in Junior 4 with a 6-2 defeat of Bricklayers including a hat-trick from Lee Hudson and a Chris Hughes double.

Bitterne and Lyndhurst Res drew 1-1, while all the action in Infinity's draw with AFC Gordons came in the last

■ DREW SMITH LEAGUE

minute. Infinity went one up through Ben Oyewole in the 89th minute but Gordons snatched an equaliser in injury time though Phil Szakowski.

Only one game in Junior 4 beat the weather with SG Sports held 3-3 by New Forest with Terry Greenough scoring two for SG and Dean Shelley two for New Forest.

New Forest Res were 3-1 winners in Junior 5 with Gary Jones at the double. Hamble Utd Res shocked leaders AFC Phoenix 3-0.

Two each from Adam Burrows and Matt Greep helped secure Sporting Wessex a 5-2 win at Upham Res.

Dan Hardy scored all three as Burridge Village won 3-1 at Stoneham A to remain clear at the top of Junior 6. Mitre remain on their coat tails after a 2-1 win at Braishfield with Dave Calceido grabbing both.

AFC Station are third after a 9-0 thumping of Michelmersh & T A with Gareth

Harris scoring three and Joe Attard-Charrett two. BTC Soton A won 5-2 at South Coast with Dave Martin netting two.

SENIOR LEAGUES: Cadnam went goal crazy stunning Bishopstoke WMC 10-1 with Danny Gain leading the way with a hat-trick and three players with braces: Adam Jones, Simon Davison and Sam Payne.

White Star Wombles dominated their first half at Hittingbury and led 1-0 through James Whicher but the introduction of Will Lane sparked a revival his two goals helped towards a 4-1 Hittingbury win.

East Boldre recovered from going behind in the first 20 seconds to a goal from Durley Res' Owen Williams to demolish their opponents 10-1 with both Rocky Moore and Alex Liburd hitting hat-tricks. A pair apiece from Nick Kellaway and Bill Puckett helped Soton Energy to a 7-1 thrashing of Nursling Res and kept them on the tails of the leaders.

Bush hit a high five

HANTS INTERMEDIATE CUP:

There were great victories for two of our leading lights in the Intermediate Cup with Bush Hill triumphing 5-2 at Headley as Paul Wiltshire struck three times with Terry Parker and James Lavender completing their tally.

Southampton University had an equally impressive 3-0 verdict over Christchurch Res with Tom Moffatt grabbing a brace and Mike McConnell weighing in. BTC put up a good show, going 2-1 up through Kev Betlam and Anton Hawkins before being pegged back to two each. They then fell victim to a controversial late penalty to go down 2-3. Nursling crashed out 0-4 to Forest Tn.

Rose is in full bloom

HANTS FA JUNIOR CUPS:

Warsash Wasps had a fine 5-0 away to Sherfield with Chris Rose a four goal hero and Adam Puckett the other.

Also 5-0 victors were AFC Gulf Western, who put Sherborne St John to the sword courtesy of a Jordan Penfold treble, Mike Saye and a Sam Webb penalty. Solent Saints were also five goal winners, defeating Hartley Wintney 5-1 with a pair a piece for Scott Blackwell and Chris Boxx and Tamlyn Goodrich making up the five. Compton joined them after a 4-2 defeat of Spartans thanks to a Jamie Ricketts double, Lee Lawrence and Ralph Antonio. Capital went out 1-5 to Andover New Street Swifts while Riverside crashed 2-5 to Censo. Two of our teams were involved in B Cup action with both gaining fine away wins on the Isle of Wight. Bishops Waltham were 3-0 winners at Niton Res with Joe Dudley, Adam Baker and Sam Medhurst sharing the honours. Botley Village Res had a superb 10-0 win at Shanklin A with two trebles from Jack Collymore and Chris Caldwell, Ryan Shipp scored twice with Tom Siley and Dan McKee also getting in on the act.

Comrades' quick start

LEAGUE CUPS: It took Comrades just ten minutes to take an unassailable 3-0 lead against Burridge and they went on to win 7-2 with Mike Randall hitting a hat-trick in the process.

They now meet Cadnam for the right to join Questmap, Bush Hill and Park Sports in the semi finals. Questmap progressed with a 3-0 verdict over gallant White Horse all the goals coming in the second half from Sean Clowder, and subs Kraig Chapman and Ricky Pomeroy. In the Junior League Cup Chandlers Ford from Junior 4 knocked out Junior 2 London Airways with Clayton Wylie the only scorers.

DREW SMITH RESULTS AND SCORERS APPEAR IN MONDAY'S ECHO

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FOREST FELL KINSON'S 100 PER CENT RECORD

PETE Valinski and Trevor Fisher netted for Kinson Con but the hundred per cent DIVISION SEVEN leaders went down 3-2 to goals from Chris Gallop, Lee Barratt, and Oliver Cottis against Ferndown Forest.

Dan Loader was the five goal star when Cranborne walloped Broadstone Con 9-0 to take over in pole position with the other goals coming via Charlie Weir, Nick Beattie, Ollie Hand, and an own goal.

Meanwhile, James & James move up to fourth place after their 6-0 triumph over Seabournes thanks to Ryan Worledge (2), Alf Alkushi, and a Neil Mitchell hat-trick.

David Bratt hit Harry's Bar for six when Christchurch Royals ran riot 13-4 in the HAYWARD SUNDAY PREMIER LEAGUE. Rob Hepple (2), Dan Brennan, Nathan Routledge, Dan Seymour, Matt Nicholls, and Kev Brennan were the other Royals marksmen with George Harvey, Ben Harding, Aaron Corby, and Paul Best replying for Harry's.

Vienna Windows move up to third place in DIVISION ONE after Nick Lewis clinched a 1-0 win over tailenders Lovitt.

Queens Park Rovers Reserves take over on top of DIVISION TWO after Richie Collins (2) and Ben Sullivan gave them the edge 3-2 against Tiegla Tiles, who replied through Jamie Kay and an own goal.

Ferndown Locomotive netted through Adam Light, Matt Groves and Luke Ayrton but they had to settle for a point when Bradley Arthur (2) and George Bull (pen) earned Fernside Sports a 3-3 draw.

Simon Mole struck for second placed Hollies in DIVISION THREE but Bournemouth Sports Mercury just got the better of them 2-1 with goals from Dave Cavill and Ben Chant.

Victoria Cross replace them in the runners up berth after Toby Williams (2), Sam Thompson and Daniel Cobb gave them a 4-3 majority over Oakdale Con.

Corfe Mullen United were 5-2 winners against Poole Wanderers thanks to a John Burbidge hat-trick and further goals from Matt Brooks and Adam Townsend while Ali Garard (2), Alan Mellyand Stephen Lane were the AFC Stourvale marksmen in their 4-1 victory over Fairmile.

Royal Mail Bournemouth go second in DIVISION FOUR after Richard Moreton (2), Craig Miles, and Lee Reid delivered a 4-1 tonk-



TREBLE TOPS: Branksome Railway's hat-trick hero Dan Manuel, left. Picture: Steve Harris

ing to Talbot Pub while Tavla Spor extended their unbeaten run to five games when they gave Three Cross a 7-2 drubbing through Ersin Guidede, Hasan Yildirim, Ako Solar, Shivan Roushbaiani and a Mehmet Hatipoglu hat-trick.

Daniel Wills notched a hat-trick for A & T Athletic but DIVISION FIVE promotion rivals Tuakana forced a 2-2 draw thanks to Dominic Taylor and a couple of goals from James Barwood.

Boscombe Celtic and Muscliffe also finished with honours even when Ji Griffith's strike for Celtic was cancelled out by Muscliffe's Alex Rankin in a 1-1 draw.

White Heather Hornets stay in touch with the DIVISION SIX pace-setters after Jonathan Hall and Neil Pidgley gave them the verdict 2-1 against Shamrock.

Unbeaten Bournemouth Borough are also very much in contention and they were convincing 5-1 winners against Ensburry Park Rangers thanks to Daniel Bailey's hat-trick and further goals from Gareth

Bailey and Jeff White, but Grove Tavern drop back to fifth place after Vienna Windows Reserves upended them 4-1 courtesy of John Smart's hat-trick and a Wayne Murry strike.

Shane Barney took his tally for the season to 49 when he slotted home five in A & T Athletic Reserves' 9-0 trouncing of Sports Cuts.

Aaron Stacey added two more for the hundred per cent DIVISION EIGHT front runners with Dan Cements and Trevor Cook also on target.

Nearest rivals Kings Park Dynamos shaded it 5-4 against Throop United thanks to Alex James (2), Josh Reavenall-Nuete, Ryan Faulkner and Will Whittam but Alderholt's hopes of breaking into the top three were dashed when they crashed 4-1 to goals from Lee Pibbbs (2), Luke Batchelor, and Steve Chambers against Talbot Pub Reserves.

JP Morgan accounted for bottom placed Horse & Jockey 5-0 with

goals from Paul Gibbs (2), Tom Barber, Stuart Knubley and Paul Atkinson, while ECP held ARC Cleaning to a 4-4 draw thanks to Andrew Wood and a Frankie Gamble hat-trick.

Gala remain six points clear at the top of DIVISION NINE with maximum points after sweeping Ferndown Wayfarers aside 6-0 with a Jesse Hodgson hat-trick and further goals from Chris Ballam (2) and Tomasz Labuda.

West Howe Reserves replace West Mullen Reserves in second place after ambushing them 3-1 with goals from George Ellis, Jordan Whittle and Troy Light and promotion rivals Talbot Rangers were also 3-1 winners when Mark Pudney, Matt James and Daryl Whitbread put paid to Kings Arms Athletic.

Sami Kaddah led the way with a hat-trick in Bournemouth Foxes' 6-2 victory over Tower Park with the other goals coming via Ruben Fernandes, Matt Roberts and Anwar Smith.

'Dale undone by Faal double

■ HAYWARD SATURDAY LGE

WESTOVER Bournemouth take over on top of the PREMIER DIVISION after Hamed Faal struck twice in their 4-1 victory over Allendale.

Josh Wall and John Lever were the other Westover marksmen, with George Kniff providing some consolation for the visitors.

Ryan Arnold netted for former pacesetters Bournemouth Manor but the reigning champions had to settle for a point when Paul Malone earned Bournemouth Electric a 1-1 draw. Sway move up to second place after John Mulhern clinched a 1-0 win over Bournemouth Poppies.

Gary Vincent was the four-goal star of Hamworthy Recreation's 6-1 triumph over Parley Sports. Paul Manning and Luke Dawe were the other Hammers' scorers with Mike La Ronde replying for Parley.

Karl Foster struck for Queens Park Athletic in DIVISION ONE but Harrington United just got the better of them 2-1 thanks to Ben Mowlam and Rimmel Williams.

Jez Pathak and Josep Vives Forteza netted for Westover Bournemouth Reserves in DIVISION TWO but Bisterne Rangers had the upper hand 4-2 through Ben Harris (2), Jonnie Iles and Lee Howes.

Sam Nash fired one in for Galleon but Bournemouth Manor Reserves managed to force a 1-1 draw with a goal from Keith Newton.

AFC Pennington are five points clear at the top of DIVISION THREE after Danny Veal and Daniel Swager gave them the edge 2-1 against Redhill Rangers who replied through Pete Valinski.

AC Athletic were 5-2 winners against Seyward Windows thanks to Chris Hardy (2), Chris Biddle, Mark Henson, and Paul Handford while Gary Molloy, Chris Balham, Chris Cox, Dave Merrett, and Matt Nightingale gave Queens Park Athletic Reserves a 5-1 victory over Redlynch & Woodfalls United Reserves.

David Welstead's hat-trick for Allendale Reserves was to no avail when Bisterne Blue Sox shaded it 4-3 with goals from Richard Ryder (2), Craig Frost, and Steve Greaves to go top of DIVISION FOUR.

In the other Division Four game, AFC Bransgore were 3-0 winners against Pig & Whistle courtesy of Luke Bassil, Charlie Field and an own goal.

George Berry and Darren Berry netted for West Howe but the DIVISION FIVE front runners were held to a 2-2 draw by Bransgore United, whose goals came via Rory Falla and Greg Jones.

Witchampton take over in pole position after Jamie Griffiths and James Crowsley ensured a 2-0 success against Lower Parkstone CFC, while A & T Athletic go second after their 4-1 victory over Portcastrian Reserves courtesy of Crispin Rigler's hat-trick and a goal from Reece Darby.

Ringwood Athletic hold top spot in DIVISION SIX despite going down 2-0 to goals from Ashley Cutler and Sasha Hashtroude against Ferndown Sports A.

Nearest rivals Alderholt Reserves netted through Jack Parker and Tom Edwards but their perfect record was ruined when Stanley Elad struck twice to earn Redhill Rangers Reserves a 2-2 draw.

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■ SUNDAY TABLES

CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
City Central	6	6	0	0	37	5	18
Knighton Arms	5	5	0	0	23	2	15
K.R.L.	7	2	2	3	12	19	8
Chamberlayne Athletic	6	2	2	2	19	30	8
Old Mill	6	2	1	3	14	15	7
Totton Town	5	1	1	3	11	13	4
Totton Cosmos	5	1	0	4	6	19	3
Westwood Old Boys	6	1	0	5	11	30	3

Senior Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sholing Celtic	6	5	1	0	40	8	16
Linden Tree	4	4	0	0	26	0	12
Winston Hotel	4	3	1	0	22	5	10
Lyndhurst & N.H.	6	2	0	4	25	19	6
Old House at Home	5	2	0	3	7	24	6
Eastbrook Harriers	3	1	0	2	5	13	3
Bedes Lea 97	8	0	0	8	4	60	0

Junior Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Athletico H.C.	9	7	1	1	32	10	22
Bridge A.F.C.	5	5	0	0	30	7	15
Woodmill	5	4	0	1	21	11	12
F.C. Railway	6	3	1	2	23	11	10
Chartwell Green	7	2	2	3	15	14	8
Newtown Athletic	5	2	0	3	12	18	6
Southampton Bhoyos	6	2	0	4	11	20	6
Castle Inn	5	1	0	4	13	21	3
Echo	8	0	0	8	7	52	0

Junior Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sherfield English	8	5	2	1	44	19	17
AFC Southampton	5	5	0	0	23	5	15
A.F.C. Bursledon	7	4	0	3	23	23	12
Cricketers Arms	5	3	1	1	22	17	10
Bishops Blaze	9	1	1	5	23	31	10
Titans	7	3	0	4	13	26	9
Cherbourg	5	2	0	3	10	13	6
Hedge End Club	7	1	0	6	16	36	3
Sporting Compass	3	0	0	3	9	13	0

Junior Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Horns Inn	6	6	0	0	41	6	18
AFC Riverside	7	6	0	1	20	11	18
L.H. Galaxy	7	4	1	2	23	10	13
Portsmouth United	8	4	1	3	25	15	13
Chandlers Ford Saints	5	4	0	1	17	12	12
Landguard Rovers	6	3	0	3	24	18	9
Regents Park	7	3	0	4	22	19	9
RS Ocean Village	5	3	0	2	13	11	9
Carnival U.K.	8	0	0	8	14	53	0
Sherfield English Res	9	0	0	9	10	54	0

Junior Division Four	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
E.D.I.S.	7	5	1	1	23	12	16
A.F.C. Portwood	9	4	3	2	23	20	15
Hampshire Yeoman	8	4	2	2	24	15	14
A.V. Chivas	6	4	0	2	17	12	12
Royale Marine	7	3	0	4	15	9	9
Boatyard Wanderers	2	2	2	4	21	25	8
Eastpoint	6	2	1	3	13	10	7
Southampton Athletic	5	1	3	1	13	15	6
Durley	4	1	0	3	8	10	3
A.F.C. Marchwood	8	0	0	8	7	42	0

Junior Division Five	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Obelisk	6	6	0	0	44	10	18
Itchen Saints	9	6	0	3	35	27	18
Chartwell Green Res	4	4	0	0	23	3	12
Bridge A.F.C. Res	7	4	0	3	19	22	12
A.F.C. Bishopstoke	6	3	0	3	20	16	9
Ampfield	7	3	0	4	24	33	9
Bannister Park	6	2	1	3	19	23	7
Burridge AFC	4	1	2	1	6	7	5
Cherbourg Res	8	1	0	7	18	32	3
J.S.C.	7	0	1	6	10	45	1

Junior Division Six	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sky Blues	7	7	0	0	44	8	21
Southampton Classic	8	5	0	3	26	19	15
Test Valley Spartans	6	4	2	0	24	11	14
Portside	7	4	1	2	28	18	13
H.S.C. Southern Stars	6	4	1	1	23	15	13
Unity	7	3	0	4	16	22	9
Netley R.B.L.	9	2	2	5	30	26	8
Athletico Totton	7	2	1	4	18	20	7
Sporting Compass Res	5	1	1	3	9	15	4
A.F.C. Bishopstoke Res	6	1	0	5	7	29	3
Testwood Tornados	8	1	0	7	8	50	3

Under-21 Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burridge Youth	4	3	1	0	30	7	10
Hedge End Rangers	6	3	1	2	26	11	10
Crofton Saints	4	3	0	1	19	5	9
Michellmers & Timsbury	6	0	0	6	9	61	0

SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lord Nelson	12	9	1	2	63	30	28
Hamble Club	12	7	0	5	58	46	21
Foresters AFC	12	5	3	4	45	42	21
AFC Allbrook	12	5	1	6	44	38	16
Otter	12	1	0	11	11	59	3

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CS FC	9	9	0	0	77	8	27
Roll Call	12	8	1	3	47	18	25
Landguard Rovers	11	6	0	5	35	29	18
Trants	13	5	1	7	34	52	16
West End FC	12	4	1	7	33	51	13
AFC Portwood	11	0	1	10	18	86	1

Division 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Tynbee	13	8	2	3	53	24	26
Roll Call Terveses	15	8	2	5	43	32	26
C & G	17	8	2	7	42	42	26
Fair Oak Albion	16	7	4	5	40	31	25
Holbury United	17	5	3	9	40	57	18
Prestige South	13	4	4	5	29	42	16
AFC Anchor	15	3	3	9	18	37	12

Division 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lapstone	14	9	1	4	45	35	28
Hoff Sports	15	8	2	5	48	36	26
Coopers Division	15	7	3	5	49	41	24
Halfway United	14	5	2	7	29	32	17
Kingsgate	13	4	2	7	27	48	14
King George	13	3	2	8	26	31	11

Oh my Godden – it's a Trophy goals fest

City of Southampton Sunday League

IT WAS goals galore in the second Round of the Charlie Godden trophy as 47 flew in across the fixtures.

A.F.C Portwood slid past Banister Park with a 5-4 win. A brace from Peter Barlow and contributions from Nick Green, Jamie Hutchinson and Leo Norman sealed the deal.

Portside scraped a close, away win at Ampfield, 5-4. Ampfield saw goals from Paddy McPhillips, Nathan Gray (2) and Josef Talaoui but their efforts were somewhat overshadowed by a brace from Portside's Jason McHugh and a superb hat-trick from Alex Azadegan.

Athletico Totton felt the wrath of an exciting Bridge A.F.C Reserves team.

With Bridge heading into the break seven goals up it was only going to get worse for Athletico. Ryan Longhurst collected a double hat-trick and Connor Bray put a shift in too with three goals to his name.

Aiden Reidy and Ben Vaughan also grabbed a goal each as the Bridge's class finally took its toll on Athletico Totton who finished on the wrong end of a 13-0 scoreline.

A depleted Chartwell Green Reserves had a field day against Cherbourg Reserves.

Despite Chartwell only having nine men at the fixture, Cherbourg's defence were all at sea as Chartwell's Grant Murdoch smashed six past them.

Despite efforts from Cherbourg's Ben Munday and Bradley Taylor, it wasn't to be as Alex Mould made it 7-2.



SPOT ON: Steve Stone, right, tucked away a second-half penalty for Portwood United in their 6-3 victory against Sherfield English Reserves (see league reports at bottom of page).

In the final fixture of the Charlie Godden Trophy, Testwood Tornados saw the wind taken out of them, conceding a 6-1 hammering to Netley R.B.L.

Adam Sear, Dan Dixon (2), Mark Dixon, Chris Wilde and Colin Herridge all found the net to see Netley breeze into the third Round of the competition.

Hedge End feel smash of the Titans

JUSTIN Beckett scored a hat-trick as Titans ran out worthy 6-2 winners in their Junior 2 Division clash with Hedge End Club.

Further goals from Neil Fielden, Sam Martin and David Lloyd totalled Titans' six, seeing off Hedge End who had goals from Luke Pothecary and Christy Biffin.

Fifth placed Bishops Blaize were extinguished with a narrow 3-4 loss to third in the league A.F.C Bursledon.

Despite the efforts of Jamie Rumbold, Paul Tanner and Craig Vincent, who all grabbed

a goal each for the Blaize, it wasn't to be.

A.F.C Bursledon kept their chase for the top spot alive with a double from Sean Nutbeen and a goal apiece from Ross Walton and Ross Hammond ensuring the win.

In Junior Division 3, L.H Galaxy were on another planet after crashing Carnival U.K's party.

Five goals from Mark Thomas, four from Callum Ovenden and singles from Jermaine Miller and Dan Champion ensured Galaxy as easy 11-0 victors.

The defeat means Carnival U.K are yet to get a win as they sit second from bottom.

Another goal fest at the weekend saw Sherfield English Reserves lose 6-3 to Portwood United.

Sherfield put up a worthy contest in the second half as they went in 4-0 down at the break to goals from George Draper, Chris Astridge, Joe Gooden and Jamie Stewart.

They came out with a bit more bite in the second half as they clawed three goals back with strikes from Joe Cook and Adam Codling, grabbing a brace.

That wasn't enough though as Portwood United's Joe Powell and a Steve Stone penalty secured three points for United.

Glasspool seven up stuns Lea

CHAMBERLAYNE Athletic were in blistering goal scoring form as they beat Bedes Lea 97 13-0 in the first round of the A.J. Millar Trophy.

Ryan Glasspool netted a magnificent seven with Craig O'Connell also bagging a hat-trick. There were also goals from Brandon Williams, Ben Colborne and Scott Brown.

In other action in the first round of the A.J.Millar, Old House at Home lost heavily to K.R.L 4-0, with Matty Gray bagging a brace.

In the Hampshire Senior Cup Quarter Final, Queens Park sent Totton Cosmos out of this world with a 3-0 win, away from home.

Meanwhile, in the Hampshire Intermediate Cup third round, a tight game between Rushmoor Sunday and Sholing Celtic ended in a home win for Rushmoor with the final score at 3-2. Craig Lyons' double for the Sholing Celtic men wasn't enough to progress to the next round.

Solent in a cup spin

The Hampshire Junior 'B' Cup saw A.F.C Horns bulldoze Solent, sinking them with a 9-1 win.

Sharp finishing from Danny Smith hurt Solent as he added four goals to his season's tally.

Strikes from Lloyd Clarke (2), Liam Wing and Jason Gradidge, made sure progression into the next round was simple.

Also in the competition, Darby Green & Potley demolished Royale Marine with a 7-3 win.

With the tie finely balanced at 1-1 at the half time break, Royale Marine imploded with Adam Smith, who had netted two at his right end, scoring an own goal.

Mill Road Athletic showed their calm in an exciting penalty shootout against Hedge End Rangers to ensure they moved into the fourth round of the Hampshire Junior 'C' Cup.

With Rangers leading 1-0 at half-time, Mill Road came out firing, bringing it to an exciting 2-2 draw at the end of 90 minutes with efforts from Zak Pickett and Sam Shrubsole for the Rangers.

That wasn't the end of the goal fest which saw each side level again at the end of extra time heading into the shootout at 3-3.

After a tense climax, Mill Road Athletic came out on top with a 3-2 win in the shootout.

Another penalty shootout was witnessed in the D.R Ryder Trophy, first Round.

Athletico H.C. were the victors this time round with a tight 5-4 win on spot kicks, seeing them all but sail through against a disappointed R.S. Ocean Village.

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ON TARGET: Mike Tickner, left.

West End hit for six

IN THE Challenge Cup Round 2, AFC Allbrook smashed AFC West End in recording a 6-0 drubbing.

Goals from Mike Tickner (2), Darren Ottley, Clive Redford, Dave Reading and Dan Stobbart did the damage.

It wasn't as one sided in the tie between C&G FC and Hamble Club.

With Hamble Club leading at the break 2-1, with goals from Billy Couzens, it took efforts from Dan Collinson (2), Wayne Healey and Jack Wagon to turn it around into a narrow 4-3 win.

HE Social Club made it into the third round with a 2-1 win against King George.

Southampton & District Sunday League

Keith Bailey grabbed both of Social's goals. King George's David North pulled one back, which gave them a slight sniff, but it wasn't to be as HE Social Club held on to the end.

It was a complete goal fest in Holbury United's cup tie with Sholing United.

Grant Porter netted a famous five as he saw Sholing through to a 7-2 win.

With added goals from Greg Ainsworth and Craig Paskins, Sholing sailed into the third round.

In the Junior 'A' league Otter FC was damned to a 10-1 mauling against AC Copnor.

Rafi Sulemani was the only Otter to get on the score sheet.

In Division 2, Fair Oak Albion strongly secured their second spot place with a 6-0 thrashing over Lapstone.

A hat-trick from James Farwell and added scores from Nick Brown, Dave Chinnock and Matt Vincent ensured Albion's aim to close the gap between themselves and King George, who, despite having cup action at the weekend, still sit at the throne of the division.

■ FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 10
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
 Fulham v Newcastle.
FA YOUTH CUP
 Third round: SAINTS v Everton 7pm.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
 Premier Division: Hitchin v Cambridge City.
SYDENHAMS LEAGUE
 Premier Division: Bemerton HH v Alton.
PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP
 US Portsmouth v Fleetlands.

Tuesday, December 11
FA CUP
 Second round: Barrow v Macclesfield.
 Second round replays: Hereford v Cheltenham, Notts County v Rotherham, Southend v Bury.
CAPITAL ONE CUP
 Quarter-finals: Bradford v Arsenal, Norwich v Aston Villa.
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
 Sunderland v Reading.
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
 Premier: Newport County v Luton.
 South: Dorchester v Dover, Eastleigh v Truro City, Hayes & Yeading v Bromley.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
 Premier Division: AFC Totton v Kettering, Chesham v Leamington, Gosport Borough v Frome, Redditch v Bashley.
 Division One South & West: Didcot v Shortwood, Winchester City v Poole Town, Yate v Cirencester.
SYDENHAMS LEAGUE
 Premier Division: Hamworthy Utd v New Milton, Hayling v Downton, Horndean v Newport IOW.
RUSSELL COTES CUP
 Second round: Christchurch v Hythe & Dibden, Fareham Town v Moneyfields, Fleet Town v Blackfield & Langley, GE Hamble v Lymington Town.

NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP
 Semi-final: Alresford Town v Tadley Calvea
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
 Wyvern Challenge Cup, third round: Wimborne v Downton.
SALISBURY HOSPITAL CUP
 First round: Pewsey Vale v Shrewton.

Wednesday, December 12
FA CUP
 Second round replay: Mansfield v Lincoln City, Oxford Utd v Accrington Stanley.
CAPITAL ONE CUP
 Quarter-final: Swansea v Middlesbrough.
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
 South: Chelmsford v Eastbourne Borough.
HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP
 Third round: Totton & Eling v Havant & Waterlooville.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
 Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Paulton Rovers (7.30), Sholing v Swindon Supermarine, Taunton v Mangotsfield.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
 Premier Division: Moneyfields v

Dorchester, Poole Town v Winchester City.

Thursday, December 13
FA CUP
 Second round replay: Hastings Utd v Harrogate Town.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
 Premier Division: AFC Totton v Christchurch, Salisbury City v Fleet Town.

Saturday, December 15
 (FL games 3pm ko unless stated)
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
 Liverpool v Aston Villa, Man Utd v Sunderland, Newcastle v Man City (12.45), Norwich v Wigan, QPR v Fulham, Stoke v Everton.
npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE
 Championship: Barnsley v Sheff Wed (5.20), Birmingham v Crystal Palace, Blackpool v Blackburn, Bolton v Charlton, Brighton v Nottm Forest, Bristol City v Derby, Burnley v Watford, Cardiff v Peterborough, Hull v Huddersfield (12.30), Leeds v Ipswich, Middlesbrough v Wolverhampton, Millwall v Leicester.
League 1: Bournemouth v Colchester, Crewe v Bury, Doncaster v Coventry, Leyton Orient v Scunthorpe, Milton Keynes Dons v Hartlepool, Notts County v Brentford, Oldham v Swindon, Portsmouth v Preston, Sheff Utd v Tranmere, Shrewsbury v Carlisle, Stevenage v Crawley Town, Walsall v Yeovil.
League 2: AFC Wimbledon v Rotherham, Accrington Stanley v Wycombe, Aldershot v Rochdale, Cheltenham v Port Vale, Chesterfield v Burton Albion, Dag & Red v Barnet, Exeter v Plymouth, Gillingham v Fleetwood Town, Morecambe v Oxford Utd, Southend v Bradford, Torquay v Northampton, York v Bristol Rovers.

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
 Premier: Macclesfield v Nuneaton.
 South: AFC Hornchurch v Basingstoke, Chelmsford v Dorchester, Eastbourne Borough v Salisbury City, Eastbourne Borough v Billericay, Farnborough v Boreham Wood, Sutton v Weston-super-Mare, Tonbridge Angels v Havant & Waterlooville, Truro City v Maidenhead.
FA TROPHY
 Second round: Bromley v Kidderminster, Cambridge Utd v Gateshead, Chesham v Barrow, Dartford v Tonbridge Angels, FC Halifax v Maidstone Utd, Forest Green v Gainsborough, Hereford v Hampton & Richmond, Kings Lynn Town v AFC Telford, Skelmersdale Utd v Guiseley, Stockport County v Southport, Tamworth v Corby, Woking v Welling, Wrexham v Solihull Moors, Grimsby v Havant & Waterlooville, Sutton Utd v Oxford City, Matlock Town v Luton.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
 Premier Division: Arlesey v Frome, Barwell v Weymouth, Bashley v Stourbridge, Bedford v Banbury, Bedworth v St Albans, Cambridge City v AFC Totton, Chippenham v St

Neots, Gosport Borough v Kettering, Hemel Hempstead v Hitchin, Leamington v Bideford.

Division One South & West:
FA CUP
 Abingdon Utd v Poole Town, Cinderford v Sholing, Cirencester v Bridgwater, Didcot v Paulton Rovers, North Leigh v Mangotsfield, Swindon Supermarine v Bishops Cleeve, Taunton v Hungerford, Tiverton v Evesham, Wimborne v Merthyr Town, Winchester City v Shortwood, Yate v Clevedon.

SYDENHAMS LEAGUE
 Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Bournemouth Poppies, Blackfield & Langley v Christchurch, Downton v Alton, GE Hamble v Moneyfields, Hamworthy Utd v Alresford, Horndean v Fawley, Lymington Town v Newport IOW, Romsey v Hayling, Totton & Eling v New Milton, Verwood v Bemerton HH.

Division One: Amesbury v Brockenhurst, Andover New Street v Fleet Spurs, Cowes Sports v US Portsmouth, Hythe & Dibden v Pewsey Vale, Laverstock & Ford v Whitchurch, Petersfield v Ringwood, Stockbridge v Team Solent, Tadley Calvea v East Cowes Vics.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
 Senior League Cup, quarter-finals (1.30 kick-offs): Liphook v Fleetlands, Liss Athletic v Colden Common, Locks Heath v University of Portsmouth.

Senior Division (2.00 kick-offs): Bournemouth Sports v Otterbourne, Clanfield v AFC Stoneham, Overton v Hedge End Rangers, QK Southampton v Paulsgrove, Sporting BW v Winchester Castle.

Combination (2.00 kick-offs): AFC Stoneham v Overton, Colden Common v Liphook Utd, Fleetlands v Liss Athletic, Hedge End Rangers v Sporting BW, Otterbourne v Bournemouth Sports, Paulsgrove v Locks Heath, Winchester Castle v Clanfield.

MAGNATA CARE HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE 2004
 Durely v Broughton, Forest Town v Andover Lions, Four Marks v Crusaders, Infinity v Michelmersh & Timsbury, Upham v Lyndhurst.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
 Premier Division: AFC Totton v Poole Town, Bemerton HH v Dorchester, Christchurch v Moneyfields.

Division One West: East Cowes Vics v Blackfield & Langley, Fawley v Hythe & Dibden, Ringwood v Lymington Town.

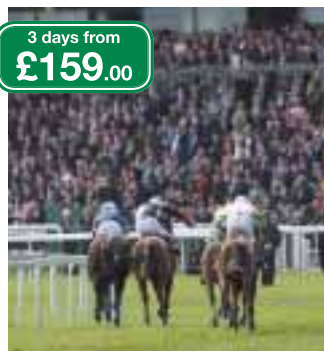
Division One East: Alresford v Horndean, Fareham Town v US Portsmouth, Hayling Utd v GE Hamble.

Wyvern Shield: Group B: Whitchurch v Tadley Calvea; Group C: Team Solent v New Milton.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP
 Third round: Sholing Res v Bush Hill.
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 First round: Newport IOW Res v Pan Sports.

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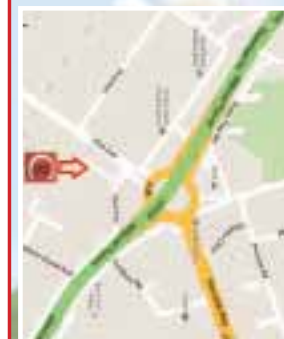

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UNDER-TEN RED

Warsash Wasps Yellow	11	10	0	1	19	30
Salisbury City White	11	9	2	0	36	29
Sholing Youth Red	9	8	1	0	26	25
Hythe & Dibden Flames	12	7	3	2	21	24
Salisbury Sparks Amber	11	6	2	3	15	20
Pace Panthers	12	6	2	4	8	20
Winsor Sports	14	6	2	8	-6	18
Eastleigh Juniors	11	5	2	4	9	17
Oakwood Terriers	12	5	1	6	1	16
Winchester Youth Blue	14	5	1	8	-14	16
HEY Rockets	9	2	3	4	-3	9
Colden Common Rovers	12	2	1	9	-18	7
Alresford Town Tigers	13	1	0	12	-42	3
AFC Hittingbury Harriers	12	1	0	12	-52	3
Bashley Youth (withdrawn)	0	0	0	0	0	0

WHITE

Winchester Youth Black	14	13	1	0	37	40
AFC Hittingbury Hawks	14	11	2	1	29	35
Sholing Youth White	14	10	2	2	29	32
Pace Pumas	12	8	1	3	12	25
Baddesley Park Crusaders	14	8	1	5	2	25
Salisbury City FC	14	6	3	5	12	21
Netley Royals	14	6	3	5	-1	21
Wyvern Dragons	14	4	3	7	1	15
Littleton Lions	14	4	3	7	-11	15
St Francis Knights	14	3	4	7	-8	13
Salisbury City Black	14	3	4	7	-16	13
Colden Common Rangers	14	2	2	10	-20	8
HEY Comets	14	2	0	12	-51	6
Oakwood Saints	12	1	1	10	-15	4

BLUE

Stoke Park Rangers Red	10	10	0	0	64	30
Soccer4all Tigers	12	10	0	2	44	30
Oakwood Harriers	14	9	3	2	38	30
Bashley Youth Blades	14	9	2	3	39	29
Romsey Town	14	9	2	3	28	29
Hythe & Dibden Dragons	12	7	1	4	12	22
Weston Sports	14	6	3	5	0	21
Wyvern Saints	14	5	4	5	-4	19
Salisbury Sparks White	12	5	4	3	16	18
Hythe Strikers Hurricanes	12	3	3	6	-8	12
Littleton Leopards	14	2	3	9	-31	9
Wellow Wolves	12	3	0	9	-38	9
Ice Sports	10	2	2	6	-26	8
AFC Stoneham	14	2	2	10	-31	8
Endon Black	14	0	0	14	-103	0

YELLOW

Salisbury Sparks Black	12	10	2	0	51	32
Oakwood Pumas	14	9	0	5	16	27
Pirelli Pirates	14	6	5	3	9	23
Brendon Red	14	6	4	4	25	22
Botley Village	14	7	1	6	9	22
Soccer4all Lions	11	6	3	2	22	21
Chamberlayne Athletic	14	6	3	5	14	21
Warsash Wasps Black	14	6	1	7	-11	19
Hedge End Hawks	10	5	3	2	3	18
Hythe Strikers Spitfires	14	5	2	7	2	17
Southside	9	5	1	3	16	16
Wellow Wasps	12	4	1	7	-14	13
Stoke Park Rangers White	11	3	0	8	-21	9
City Central	12	2	0	10	-26	6
Fawley Falcons	11	0	0	11	-95	0

UNDER-NINE RED

AFC Hittingbury Harriers	17	14	2	1	56	44
Sholing Youth Red	18	14	1	3	68	43
Alresford Lions	17	13	2	2	48	39
HEY Jets	18	12	3	3	36	39
Botley Village Lions	16	11	3	2	28	36
Fawley Falcons	18	12	0	6	13	36
St Francis Rangers	18	7	6	5	14	27
Warsash Wasps Black	18	8	0	10	-14	24
Pace Panthers	19	5	4	9	-24	19
Salisbury City Black	18	5	3	10	-18	18
Colden Common Royals	18	5	3	10	-23	18
Marchwood Rangers	17	5	2	10	-5	17
Hedge End Falcons	18	4	2	12	-37	14
Wyvern Dragons	16	4	0	12	-56	12
Chamberlayne Athletic Red	17	2	1	14	-37	7
Ice Sports	16	2	0	14	-50	6

WHITE

Salisbury City White	18	16	0	2	84	48
Pace Cougars	17	15	2	0	107	47
Oakwood Lions	17	13	2	2	56	41
AFC Hittingbury Hurricanes	16	12	3	1	72	39
St Francis Knights	18	11	4	3	40	37
Botley Village Rhinos	17	10	2	5	34	32
Chamberlayne Athletic Black	17	9	2	6	21	29
Hedge End Tigers	16	7	1	8	9	22
HEY Planets	18	5	4	9	-20	19
Baddesley Park Crusaders	16	4	5	7	1	17
Winchester City Flyers	14	4	5	5	-20	17
Warsash Wasps White	18	5	0	13	-43	15
Compton Youth	16	4	0	12	-42	12
Soccer4all Tigers	18	3	0	15	-45	9
Lakewood Leopards	18	1	0	17	-154	3
Winsor Sports Green	14	0	0	14	-100	0

BLUE

Oakwood Ravens	12	11	0	1	54	33
Romsey Town Cougars	12	9	2	1	28	29
Baddesley Park Knights	12	8	3	1	44	27
City Central	10	8	2	0	37	26
Winchester Youth Blue	12	8	1	3	22	25
Stoke Park Rangers	12	5	3	4	3	18
Eastleigh Red	10	5	2	3	11	17
Salisbury Sparks	10	3	3	4	7	12
Hythe & Dibden Tigers	11	3	3	5	-10	12
Littleton Lions	12	3	2	7	-24	11
Southbrook Rangers	10	3	1	6	-17	10
Warsash Wasps Yellow	11	2	1	8	-24	7
AFC Stoneham	12	2	1	9	-42	7
Hedge End Scorpions	8	1	0	7	-24	3
Botley Village Tigers	12	0	0	12	-65	0

YELLOW

Colden Common Rovers	11	10	0	1	32	30
Wyvern Saints	11	9	1	1	42	28
Winchester Youth Black	9	9	0	0	40	27
Hythe Strikers	7	12	1	1	14	18
Eastleigh White	9	5	1	3	3	16
Weston Sports	11	4	4	3	1	16
Sholing Youth White	11	4	3	4	5	15
Testwood United	10	4	2	4	0	14
Hedge End Lions	8	3	3	2	5	12
Wellow Youth	10	3	1	6	-10	10
Oakwood Rangers	11	3	0	8	-29	9
Romsey Town Panthers	11	1	1	9	-22	4
Bitterne Terriers	12	1	1	10	-31	4
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Smart's stuff stuns Rovers

SPORT IN HERE

IN THEIR under-18 Salvage Cup First-round tie, Sway's Robbie Smart struck a last minute winner for his side to finally overcome a spirited St Francis Rovers.

The visitors, leading Division 2, started well on a frosty Jubilee Field and had been the better of the two sides for much of the game, but surrendered their 2-1 lead once Sway eventually demonstrated some potency on the counter-attack late on, writes **ALAN JOHNS**.

Sway did create the first chance of the game as David Steadman flashed a ball across the six yard box, but no Sway player could extend far enough to get the vital touch. St Francis then proceeded to take control of possession in midfield and, with Sway often too slow to close down, were able to supply balls down the channels to their strikers.

Dan Marshall led the Sway back-four by example in standing tall and preventing strikers advancing into clear shooting positions. Nevertheless, Laurie Symons was by far the busier of the two 'keepers' at this point. Then, against the run of play, Sway were the most alert team following a drop-ball and Steadman's cross was calmly volleyed home by Jesse Gould.

In the second half, Sway reshaped to attempt to gain more possession but again St Francis were the more eager to fight for the ball whilst Sway failed to find any real momentum by regularly misplacing their passes. St Francis soon got the reward for

their forward pressure with two well-taken goals and could easily have extended their lead, hitting both bar and post with chances before drawing an outstanding save from Symons to deny a crisply struck volley.

As the half progressed Sway managed to gain a foothold and the strikers finally began to ask some serious questions of the Saint's defence. George Edwards capped an excellent display when his run and cross down the right was met by Tom Dymond for the equaliser.

Sam Roberts and Matt Hillyar now relished the space available on the counter-attack and Sway created several good chances to score but were denied by some assured goalkeeping under pressure.

As if to signal Sway's growing confidence, Gould, Roberts and an advancing Joe Fussell all let fly from distance. And, as extra time loomed, the re-introduction of Smart proved decisive as he latched on to a low cross from Roberts to take the tie for Sway.

A solitary Division 1 game was staged and Wyvern Saints just had the edge against hosts Hedge End Rangers White and won 3-2.

Just one game also in Division 2, where Michelmersh and Timsbury entertained Warsash Wasps and probably wished their match had been postponed after going down 8-2.

In Division 3, another Wyvern outfit, the Dragons, also benefited from being able to play and won 4-3 against Botley Village and BTC (Southampton) Itchen won 2-0 at Romsey Town Cougars.

Eastleigh enjoy cup romp

FOUR First-round ties in the under-16 Challenge Cup escaped the weather and Eastleigh made no mistake, progressing courtesy of their impressive 12-0 away win at Alresford Town, their goals coming from Tommy Wright, Rian Jima Otero and Hayden Riddett, who all scored two each, with Scott Munro, Harrison Weekes, Kade Thompson, Jack Smith, Tony Lee and Elliot Cross also on-target.

There were also away wins for Division 2 leaders Colden Common Rangers - 4-0 at Fawley - and St Francis Rangers, who enjoyed a welcome break from their league struggles to gain a

place in the draw by winning a close game at Wyvern Dragons 2-1.

In Division 1 AFC Totton had another comfortable victory, seeing off the challenge of Winchester City Red 5-0. BTC (Southampton) were held to a 3-3 home draw by Botley Village in Division 2.

Plenty of goals in the two Division 3 games played: second-placed Totton and Eling plundered the points by winning 7-0 at Pirelli Pirates and Winsor United stayed just ahead of them, having played a game more, by knocking Hedge End Rangers for six without reply.

Youth Football



SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS G&LFC U15: Big win over Sarum Youth last weekend.

Saints' winter warmer

SOUTHAMPTON Saints girls under-15s overcame a delayed start due to frost to record a 12-0 win over hosts Sarum Youth. Martha Phillips fired Saints ahead with a great strike from 35 yards with less than a minute on the clock, then Megan Chapman converted a Tiffany Eley cross to make it 2-0.

Elle Pearce converted an Eilidh Currie corner to make it 3-0 just before the break.

Saints turned the screw in the second period, with Pearce getting her second and then Emily Lusted, on target to make it 5-0. Eley then turned scorer as she rattled off a quick hat-trick and an own goal saw Saints go 9-0 ahead.

Pearce rounded off the scoring with three good goals to complete a good day at the office for Saints.

Elsewhere in the league, table toppers

Corfe Mullen saw off Oakwood Foxes with seven unanswered goals. Alisa McKirdy and Tily Johnson bagged a brace apiece and were joined on the score sheet by Sophie Harris, Kelly Frupp and Brooke Vivan.

The only other fixture to survive the freeze saw Mudeford beat Crofton Saints 6-1. Charley Sanford got the consolation goal for the visitors.

SAINTS FIND A KEY WIN

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Girls & Ladies FC's first team produced some of their best football of the season to earn a 3-1 victory at Keynsham Development LFC in the South West Combination League.

In what was most definitely a six pointer the Saints produced attractive flowing football which they had started the season.

Much to the delight of first team manager Adam Lee it wasn't just pleasing on the eye but this time with an end product. Something that has been missing in some of their earlier games.

The visitors defence was strengthened when Aimee McDevitt returned from injury and Megan Richmond made her first start and to the delight of the travelling supporters both came out with player of the match performances.

Keynsham started the brighter with De Silva being the home team's main threat.

It was the home team who



SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS G&LFC U13: Enjoyed a 6-1 victory away to Hedge End in the Winchester & District Girls' League last weekend.

had the first clear cut chance and came close as the speedy De Silva fired from an acute angle across Saints keeper Hannah Haughton but was denied as the ball grazed the far upright.

At the other end Owton fired

wide and another shot saw West in the Keynsham goal spill the ball but with no Saints player there to poke home.

The second half saw Saints in the ascendancy passing the ball in a controlled and stylish manner.

The opener came on 57 minutes.

The ball came back out of the home penalty area sat up nicely and for the Reds, Bex Davis struck it sweetly and despite a full stretched dive West could not get near it.

A lack in concentration for the first time in the Saints defence saw Keynsham draw level as Dos Santos prodded home under the diving and despairing Haughton between the sticks.

It was Midge Browning and Lucy Harper who combined well in the final third and the latter who put Saints back in front with an angled shot that West could only get a hand to but couldn't stop going in.

In a bid to get back into the game Keynsham went to three at the back and were caught out as Saints skipper Krystal Whyte threaded Browning through and she smashed the ball home to put Saints 3-1 up, and vitally no way back for the hosts.

Saints' footballing ability shone through on what was their league debut on a 4G pitch.

Kings' penalty pain

KINGS' Winchester suffered the heartbreak of a penalty shoot-out exit from the English Schools' Under-14 Premier League Trophy.

Courtesy of a Ben Rowthorn hat-trick, they held Buckinghamshire's John Hampden Grammar 3-3 after extra-time, but lost 5-4 when the fifth round tie was settled from the penalty spot.

Rowthorn gave Kings' a tenth minute lead which the High Wycombe side cancelled out from the spot, despite a heroic effort by goalkeeper Alejandro Arguellas.

JHG scored either side of half-time to establish a 3-1 lead, but Kings' hit back with the powerful Rowthorn scoring twice to complete his hat-trick and level matters at 3-3.

Despite being in the ascendancy Kings' could not finish John Hampden off when Lukas Woods, Toby

Cresswell and Rowthorne all had good chances to seal the game.

John Hampden finished the stronger and had it not been for two fantastic saves from Arguellas they could have won the game.

In extra time Kings defended superbly well and despite soaking up John Hampden pressure were again unfortunate not to hit the winning goal on the break.

Lukas Woods, Chris Buckett, Tom Proctor and man of the match Max Kirwan kept the lively John Hampden front three at bay, with more help from Arguellas.

Going into penalties Kings' fancied themselves to win, but after the first nine takers all converted, Raft Tellett was left with the last penalty which the JHG goalkeeper managed to save with his legs to the dismay of the Winchester team.

■ IT'S Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges Cup quarter-final day on Wednesday (2pm), with Itchen continuing their defence of the Peter Munro Trophy at Brockenhurst.

Arguably the pick of the ties is Barton Peveril's clash with Sparsholt at Chestnut Avenue.

QUARTER-FINAL TIES ON DECEMBER 5 ARE:
Peter Munro Trophy: Barton Peveril v Sparsholt, Farnborough v Portsmouth, Brockenhurst v Itchen, Totton v Havant.

Second XI Cup: Basingstoke v Peter Symonds, Fareham v Queen Mary's, Totton v Itchen, South Downs v Portsmouth.

Third XI Cup: Southampton City v Bay House, Barton Peveril v St Vincent, King Edward's v Brockenhurst, Itchen v Fareham.

Poole into last 16

POOLE & East Dorset are through to the last 16 of the English Schools' Under-15 Trophy – an impressive 5-2 win over North Somerset being rewarded with a home tie against either Swansea or Torbay in round five.

Confident after their 4-0 mauling of Portsmouth in the previous round, Poole took an early lead through Sam Surridge but, despite a series of fine saves by the North Somerset goalkeeper, their advantage was wiped out before half-time.

Ben White restored their lead after the break with a super individual goal.

Debutant Curtis Young capped a fine midfield display with Poole's third goal five minutes later, but North Somerset refused to lie down and trimmed the lead

to 3-2. Two more goals in the last 20 minutes settled the tie in Poole's favour – Ryan Kelly converting Frankie White's near post corner and then White himself rounded off the scoring.

Poole's coach Steve Lewellyn said: "North Somerset were a handful on the counter attack, but our shape was excellent and we defended superbly."

"In possession, our passing and movement was pleasing to watch and going forward we caused them all sorts of problems."

"If it hadn't of been for their keeper, who was excellent, it could of been more."

Southampton were playing Aldershot & Farnham at Test Park today for the right to host Brent or Swindon next month.

■ Totton have nipped in front in the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges leadership chase after a 5-0 win over Alton at Water Lane.

Sam House (2), James Clifton, James Henry and Jake Swift scored the goals which enabled Totton to leapfrog Itchen at the top.

Title holders Itchen have played one game less. Brockenhurst trimmed Sparsholt 2-0 with George Baker and Richard Vallis on target.

Richard Taunton College continue to disappoint. They hit the woodwork three times, but ended up 2-0 losers to South Downs on the new 3G surface at Purbrook.

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Draw starts the countdown

THE 2015 Rugby World Cup pool draw took place in London this week. Here, the Sports Pink looks at the runners and riders and assesses their prospects.

POOL A

AUSTRALIA

An outstanding World Cup pedigree, underlined by them winning the tournament in 1991 and 1999. Landed a tough group this time around, but still favourites to finish top.

World Cup previous: 1991 and 1999 winners.

Star man: David Pocock.

ENGLAND

Memorably crowned world champions in 2003 but currently rebuilding under new head coach Stuart Lancaster's direction, although victory over New Zealand on Saturday made one heck of a statement.

World Cup previous: 2003 winners.

Star man: Manu Tuilagi.

WALES

World Cup history shows wildly fluctuating fortunes for Wales, with pool stage exits accompanied by two semi-final appearances. Highly dangerous team – on their day.

World Cup previous: 1987 third.

Star man: Leigh Halfpenny.

OCEANIA 1



Would be a major surprise if Fiji did not secure this qualifying berth.

REPECHAGE WINNER

Tough to predict, but Uruguay could fit the bill.

POOL B

SOUTH AFRICA

Won two of the five World Cup

tournaments they have competed in, and will always be one of the toughest nuts to crack on rugby's global stage.

World Cup previous: 1995 and 2007 winners.

Star man: Bryan Habana.

SAMOA

Have continually punched above their weight in World Cups, show-

ing scant respect for reputations, and will fancy their chances of securing a quarter-final spot in 2015.

World Cup previous: 1991 and 1995 quarter-finals.

Star man: Maurie Fa'asavalu.

SCOTLAND

Finished fourth at the 1991 World Cup, but they are otherwise consis-

tent quarter-finalists, apart from in New Zealand last year when they failed to progress beyond the pool stage.

World Cup previous: 1991 fourth.

Star man: Richie Gray.

ASIA 1

A major surprise if it is not Japan.

AMERICAS 2

Testway Youth Football League/Southampton Tyro League tables

TESTWAY YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Under-16 – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lee Filters	7	6	1	0	27	7	19
Basing Rovers	7	6	0	1	38	8	18
Andover New Street	9	5	0	4	29	21	15
Bishops Waltham	5	3	0	2	13	10	9
South Wonston	7	2	1	4	5	15	7
Salisbury City	8	2	0	6	18	33	6
Whitchurch	7	0	0	7	4	40	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyndhurst	9	5	2	2	26	17	17
Fordingbridge	7	5	1	1	26	16	16
Basingstoke Colts	6	4	2	0	21	10	14
Littleton Juniors	7	4	1	2	30	11	13
Vernham Dean	8	3	0	5	11	21	9
Braishfield	7	2	1	4	9	15	7
Worthing U16	8	1	3	4	14	20	6
Upper Clatford	8	1	0	7	11	38	3

Under-15 – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winchester Youth	7	6	1	0	48	11	19
Sarum Youth	6	5	1	0	35	14	16
Amesbury Juniors	8	5	0	3	50	27	15
Stockbridge	6	4	1	1	24	12	13
Shooters	7	3	1	3	22	21	10
Ludgershall Sports	8	3	1	4	24	34	10
Clarendon Juniors	9	2	1	6	17	51	7
Littleton Leopards	7	2	0	5	11	22	6
Littleton Lions	8	1	1	6	20	42	4
Andover New Street	6	0	3	3	11	28	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Newton & Wishford	7	7	0	0	26	3	21
Fordingbridge	8	6	0	2	35	15	18
Whitchurch	8	5	1	2	33	14	16
CK Andover U15	8	3	0	5	20	32	9
Redlynch & Woodfall	8	2	1	5	15	35	7
Alderbury	5	1	0	4	11	22	3
Worthing U15	6	0	0	6	7	26	0

Under-14 – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winchester Youth	5	4	1	0	32	6	13
Fordingbridge Town	7	4	1	2	15	14	13
Stockbridge Youth	6	4	0	2	29	17	12
Hatch Warren	5	3	0	2	21	14	9
Littleton Leopards	6	2	0	4	23	29	6
Salisbury City	3	1	0	2	4	13	3
Overton	6	0	0	6	9	40	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bishops Waltham Dynamos	11	8	1	2	44	17	25
Sarum Youth	9	8	0	1	62	19	24
Upper Clatford	8	6	0	2	53	16	18
Vernham Dean	7	6	0	1	32	11	18
Worthing U14	7	4	0	3	20	15	12
South Newton & Wishford	6	3	0	3	32	13	9
Lyndhurst	9	3	0	6	32	37	9
Clarendon Juniors	9	2	1	6	32	37	7
Shipton Bellinger Rams	4	1	0	3	10	23	3
Littleton Swifts	8	1	0	7	17	49	3
Fordingbridge United	8	0	0	8	4	101	0

Under-13 – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Wonston Swifts	8	4	0	4	28	34	12
Fordingbridge Rangers	6	3	1	2	24	20	10
Ludgershall Sports	3	3	0	0	19	3	9
Upper Clatford	4	3	0	1	22	14	9
Whitchurch United	4	2	0	2	13	12	6
Littleton Leopards	7	2	0	5	21	32	6
Michelmersham & Timsbury	6	1	1	4	15	27	4

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Porton	8	8	0	0	68	12	24
Lyndhurst	7	4	2	1	33	20	14
Worthing U13	6	3	1	2	19	15	10
Broughton	7	3	0	4	26	33	9
Tidworth Hotshots	8	2	2	4	15	30	8
Vernham Dean	7	1	2	4	10	27	5
Fordingbridge Rovers	7	0	1	6	7	41	1

Under-12 – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyndhurst	7	7	0	0	45	4	21

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shooters	6	6	0	0	53	5	18
CK Andover U12	7	5	0	2	32	12	15
Fordingbridge Town	9	4	1	4	23	34	13
Clarendon Juniors	6	3	1	2	8	6	10
Braishfield	6	3	1	2	19	25	10
Salisbury City	5	1	2	2	10	21	5
Hatch Warren	7	1	1	5	9	29	4
Whitchurch	9	1	0	8	19	60	3
Littleton Lions	8	0	2	6	10	32	2

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Littleton Leopards	8	7	0	1	46	12	21
Porton	8	5	1	2	29	17	16
Shipton Bellinger Rams	7	5	0	2	34	12	15
Upper Clatford	8	5	0	3	24	23	15
Worthing	7	3	2	2	19	15	11
Tidworth Hurricanes	9	1	2	6	20	33	5
South Wonston	9	1	1	7	10	43	4
Bishop Waltham Dynamos	6	1	0	5	7	34	3

Under-11 – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barton Stacey	8	5	1	2	20	10	16
Bishops Waltham Dynamos	7	4	1	2	25	15	13
Braishfield Bees	7	4	1	2	20	12	13
Clarendon Juniors	7	3	3	1	11	8	12
Whitchurch United	7	3	2	2	21	15	11
CK Andover U11	6	2	1	3	13	17	7
Lyndhurst	7	1	3	3	7	10	6
Shipton Bellinger Rams	7	0	0	7	6	36	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Upper Clatford	9	7	1	1	50	14	22
Tidworth Tigers	8	7	0	1	66	12	21
West Harnham	7	5	1	1	22	3	16
Fordingbridge	7	5	0	2	43	12	15
Wallop	8	4	0	4	29	26	12
Braishfield Hornets	6	2	0	4	11	20	6
South Wonston Swifts	7	1	0	6	21	38	3
Worthing U11	7	1	0	6	8	26	3
Andover New Street	7	0	0	7	7	106	0

Under-ten – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CK Andover U10	9	6	1	2	29	11	19
Upper Clatford	8	6	1	1	27	11	19
Broughton	9	6	1	2	19	12	19
Porton	9	5	1	3	25	23	16
Bishops Waltham Red	8	4	0	4	32	23	12
Barton Stacey	7	3	1	3	13	12	10
Tidworth Titans	7	2	3	2	18	15	9
Braishfield Bees	6	2	2	2	11	9	8
Lyndhurst	8	1	0	7	5	34	3
South Wonston	9	0	0	9	15	44	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tidworth Gunners	7	7	0	0	30	6	21
Shooters	9	5	3	1	18	13	18
Tidworth Typhoons	8	4	2	2	24	19	14
Fordingbridge Town	8	4	1	3	17	10	13
Worthing 10 Red	7	4	0	3	27	13	12
Whitchurch Utd	8	3	1	4	19	20	10
Winchester City Flyers	6	2	3	1	19	12	9
Simply Soccer	7	1	0	6	11	20	3
Worthing 10 Blue	4	0	1	3	5	17	1
Bishops Waltham Blue	8	0	1	7	6	46	1

SOUTHAMPTON TYRO LEAGUE

U15 – Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pace Panthers	7	7	0	0	21	1	21
Oakwood Terriers	5	5	0	0	28	2	15
Winchester Youth	8	4	1	3	27	25	13
Eastleigh Juniors Warriors	7	3	1	3	18	15	10
Sholing Youth Red	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Oakwood Raiders	8	2	0	6	10	30	6
Eastleigh Juniors Wolves	6	1	0	5	9	21	3
Baddesley Park	6	0	0	6	1	24	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sholing Youth White	9	7	0	2	40	21	21
Bitterne Youth	8	5	2	1	33	13	17
Hythe & Dibden Rangers	5	3	2	0	13	6	11
Wellow Youth	6	2	2	2	8	8	8
Salisbury City	4	2	0	2	16	16	
Eastleigh Juniors Blue	7	2	0	5	13	22	
Wyvern Youth	7	2	0	5	9	28	
AFC Hiltlingbury	8	1	0	7	17	35	

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to 2015 World Cup...

Youngsters get a taste of the big time at Twickenham

SCHOOL children from Tanners Brook, Mansel Park and St Mark's School were given the opportunity by Southampton Solent University to play at the 'Home of Rugby' - Twickenham Stadium last Saturday, writes **Joel Stocker**.

The initiative was arranged by 'Sport Solent', which enabled 24 local primary school children the chance to take part in a tag rugby demonstration at Twickenham before England faced the world Champions, New Zealand.

The children were chosen for the trip following



BIG DAY OUT: Local primary school children on the pitch at Twickenham and, left, outside the famous stadium.

an end of programme festival at the Test Park Sports Ground, Solent University's new state-of-the-art sports facility, in which Solent's student coaches delivered 50 ses-

sions of tag rugby across six schools from the west of the city.

The once-in-a-lifetime experience also saw the pupils forming the guard of honour for the

England and New Zealand players, as they came onto the pitch.

The project was put together by Dave Wilson from Tottonians RFC and rugby community coach for the RFU and Dan Czaicki from the Sport Solent development team and Southampton Rugby Club.

Craig Wilson, from Tanners Brook School, said: "It was a wonderful experience for all involved and it goes to show what can be achieved when you work to deliver sports opportunities for young people."

"I'm sure it will be a memory they'll cherish for a long time."

Likely to be Canada, unless they can usurp the United States.

POOL C

NEW ZEALAND

The defending world champions and world number one team are likely to take some stopping in their quest to lift the Webb Ellis Trophy for a third time.

World Cup previous: 1987 and 2011 winners.

Star man: Dan Carter

ARGENTINA

Now integrated into the southern hemisphere's Rugby Championship alongside New Zealand, South Africa and Australia, they can only benefit from regular exposure to such tough competition.

World Cup previous: 2007 third.

Star man: Juan Martin Fernandez Lobbe.

TONGA

Capable of making life difficult for the more established teams, but lack all-round quality.

World Cup previous: Pool stages only.

Star man: Soane Tonga'uia.

EUROPE 1

Georgia are slight favourites from Russia and Romania.

AFRICA 1

Namibia are the likely qualifiers.

POOL D

FRANCE

Beaten finalists in 2011 capable of toppling any side when the mood takes them, but also highly erratic and prone to imploding.

World Cup previous: 1987, 1999, 2011 runners-up.

Star man: Wesley Fofana.

IRELAND

Perennial under-achievers at the World Cup having never progressed beyond the quarter-finals despite fielding talented teams.

World Cup previous: 1987, 1991, 1995, 2003, 2011 quarter-finals.

Star man: Jonathan Sexton.

ITALY

Will offer physical opposition but lack the firepower to upset major Test teams at the World Cup.

World Cup previous: Pool stages only.

Star man: Sergio Parisse.

AMERICAS 1

Recent results point to the USA edging Canada.

EUROPE 2

Romania and Russia favoured to contest this spot.

RUGBY EXTRA

THE draw for the pool stage of the 2015 World Cup took place this week. Here are the 17 stadia named by England Rugby as potential venues for the tournament, which will be reduced to 12 in 2013:

● **Villa Park, Birmingham.** Capacity: 42,788

● **Brighton Community Stadium, Brighton.** Capacity: 22,500

● **Ashton Gate, Bristol.** Capacity: 21,497

● **Millennium Stadium, Cardiff.** Capacity: 72,500

● **Coventry Stadium, Coventry.** Capacity: 32,609

● **Pride Park, Derby.** Capacity: 33,597

● **Kingsholm, Gloucester.** Capacity: 16,500

● **Elland Road, Leeds.** Capacity: 39,460

● **Leicester City Stadium, Leicester.** Capacity: 32,262

● **Olympic Stadium, London.** Capacity: 80,000

● **Twickenham Stadium, London.** Capacity: 82,000

● **Wembley Stadium, London.** Capacity: 90,000

● **Old Trafford, Manchester.** Capacity: 75,811

● **Stadiummk, Milton Keynes.** Capacity: 32,000

● **St James' Park, Newcastle.** Capacity: 52,387

● **St Mary's Stadium, Southampton.** Capacity: 32,689

● **Stadium of Light, Sunderland.** Capacity: 49,000

Testway Youth Football League/Southampton Tyro League tables

Bashley Youth	7	4	0	3	19	24	12
St Francis Rangers	5	3	1	1	15	8	10
Hedge End Rangers White	7	2	2	3	14	20	8
Warsash Wasps	6	2	1	3	14	29	7
AFC Hittingbury Hawks	6	1	2	3	5	19	5
Alresford Town	5	0	0	5	9	32	0

Division 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sarisbury Sparks Amber	5	5	0	0	27	7	15
Pace Panthers	7	4	1	2	26	16	13
Sarisbury Sparks Black	5	3	2	0	18	7	11
Winchester Youth Blue	5	3	1	1	20	7	10
Testwood United	6	2	2	2	19	9	8
Totton Rangers	7	2	0	5	16	26	6
Brendon Youth	6	1	0	5	3	38	3
St Denys Youth	5	0	0	5	10	29	0

Division 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oakwood Tigers	6	5	0	1	27	10	15
Hythe & Dibden	5	4	0	1	31	7	12
Townhill Lingland	6	4	0	2	24	13	12
Southside AFC	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Q K Southampton	5	2	1	2	10	9	7
AFC Stoneham	7	0	2	5	6	39	2
Pace Cougars	5	0	0	5	3	26	0

Division 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Michelmersh & Timsbury	7	6	1	0	51	17	19
Brookhill Youth	7	6	0	1	32	13	18
GE Hamble	7	4	0	3	25	18	12
Wyvern Dragons	6	2	2	2	26	27	8
S & D Youth	8	2	2	4	12	23	8
Netley Royals	6	2	1	3	12	21	7
Hedge End Rangers Red	7	1	2	4	19	29	5
Hythe Strikers Spitfires	4	1	0	3	8	20	3
Botley Village Bears	6	1	0	5	6	23	3

Division 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hythe Strikers Hurricanes	4	4	0	0	35	3	12
Pirelli Pirates Crusaders	6	4	0	2	35	28	12
Bitterne Youth	6	4	0	2	35	29	12
Marchwood Rangers	4	3	0	1	39	8	9
Romsey Town Panthers	5	3	0	2	23	20	9
Wisor United Sports	5	3	0	2	25	23	9

St Francis Rovers	4	0	1	3	10	19	1
Baddesley Park	5	0	1	4	15	32	1
Fawley Falcons	5	0	0	5	5	60	0

U13 - Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastleigh Juniors Red	7	5	2	0	31	6	17
QK Southampton	5	3	1	1	13	11	10
Salisbury City	5	3	0	2	9	3	9
Eastleigh Juniors White	5	2	2	1	9	9	8
Testwood United	7	2	2	3	14	15	8
Sportstars	5	2	1	2	9	9	7
Oaklands Rangers	5	0	1	4	8	20	1
Winchester Youth Black	5	0	1	4	2	22	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Weston Sports	7	5	0	2	17	12	15
Pace Cougars	3	3	0	0	22	1	9
Hedge End Rangers Blue	5	3	0	2	15	10	9
Botley Village	5	2	1	2	12	15	7
Ice Sports	6	2	0	4	8	13	6
Sholing Youth	3	2	0	1	4	12	6
Baddesley Park Crusaders	6	1	2	3	13	17	5
Warsash Wasps	3	1	0	2	6	11	3
Hythe & Dibden Vipers	4	0	1	3	4	10	1

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crofton Saints Pumas	8	5	1	2	49	26	16
Wellow Youth	6	4	1	1	21	8	13
AFC Hittingbury Hawks	6	3	2	1	18	10	11
Sky Blues	4	3	0	1	19	11	9
Hamble United	7	3	0	4	29	29	9
Littleton Juniors Lions	7	3	0	4	18	20	9
Colden Common Rangers	7	2	1	4	11	15	7
Chamberlayne Athletic	5	1	1	3	8	16	4
Sarisbury Sparks Amber	6	1	0	5	2	40	3

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romsey Town Panthers	8	6	2	0	43	13	20
Winchester Youth Blue	7	6	1	0	38	8	19
Southside AFC	8	5	0	3	30	21	15
Oakwood Lions	5	4	0	1	19	14	12
Hythe Strikers	7	4	0	3	22	23	12
Romsey Town Cougars	8	3	1	4	19	27	10

Sarisbury Sparks Black	7	3	0	4	25	32	9
Hythe & Dibden Turbos	7	3	0	4	14	21	9
Brendon Youth	8	1	0	7	9	30	3
Townhill Lingland	9	0	0	9	12	42	0

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Stoneham	6	6	0	0	73	5	18
Hedge End Rangers White	7	5	1	1	30	11	16
AFC Hittingbury Hurricanes	7	4	0	3	12	16	12
Wisor United Sports	7	4	0	3	21	30	12
AFC Hittingbury Harriers	7	3	1	3	20	28	10
S & D Youth	6	3	0	3	23	16	9
Bitterne Youth	8	2	1	5	16	31	7
Baddesley Park Knights	7	2	0	5	13	39	6
East Boldre Bulldogs	5	1	2	2	23	20	5
Wyvern Youth	6	0	1	5	11	46	1

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sholing Youth White	7	7	0	0	34	5	21
Salisbury City	7	5	1	1	25	14	16
Pace Youth	5	4	0	1	12	5	12
Eastleigh Juniors	4	2	0	2	8	12	6
Colden Common Rovers	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
Q K Southampton	7	1	1	5	11	27	4
Sholing Youth Red	5	0	2	3	4	9	2
Botley Village	7	0	1	6	10	32	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hedge End Rangers Blue	7	7	0	0	44	5	21
Colden Common Royals	6	6	0	0	35	15	18
Warsash Wasps	7	5	0	2	19	17	15
Oakwood Panthers	7	4	0	3	26	25	12
AFC Stoneham Red	7	3	0	4	14	12	9
City Central	9	3	0	6	21	37	9
Baddesley Park	6	2	0	4	22	27	6
Oakwood Hawks	6	0	0	6	7	28	0
Sportstars	5	0	0	5	5	27	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colden Common Rangers	7	5	1	1	20	13	16
Romsey Town Panthers	5	4	1	0	20	7	13
St Francis Rangers	6	4	1	1	18	8	13
Hythe & Dibden Phoenix	8	3	3	2	18	11	12

Winchester Youth	8	2	2	4	16	17	8
Townhill Lingland	8	2	1	5	13	21	7
Hedge End Rangers White	2	2	0	0	7	4	6
St Francis Rovers	9	1	2	6	13	34	5
Michelmersh & Timsbury	7	1	1	5	11	21	4

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oakwood Eagles	10	8	0	2	57	19	24
Bitterne Youth	7	6	1	0	32	10	19
Ice Sports	6	5	1	0	30	12	16
AFC Hittingbury	8	4	0	4	45	34	12
Hythe Strikers	8	3	0	5	27	37	9

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



Arthur leads the tributes to Ponting

AUSTRALIA coach Mickey Arthur says retired star Ricky Ponting will leave a "massive hole" in the team's dressing room.

Arthur, who coached South Africa from 2005 to 2010 before taking over the reins with Australia last year, sang the praises of the Tasmanian in his blog on the Cricket Australia website, making special mention of his preparation, teamwork and character.

Ponting, pictured above, called time on his Test career last week, finishing with 13,378 runs – which came at an average of 51.85 and included 41 centuries – from 168 matches.

"Over the last 18 months I've had the pleasure of sharing the dressing room with Ricky in my time as coach of the Australian team," Arthur said.

"(Ricky is a) tireless worker (and) the best 'team man' I have ever seen. I've quickly learned that Ricky is the ultimate professional – the most proficient player I have ever coached – and someone that everyone in the dressing room listens to and learns from every time he speaks.

"Not only do his batting stats prove that he is Australia's best since Don Bradman, but he revolutionised fielding and leaves international cricket as Australia's most successful captain.

"He departs international cricket as one of Australia's all-time greats and leaves a lasting legacy. He will be sorely missed.

Ricky Ponting will leave a massive hole in the Australian team dressing room."

Ponting – who held a long-standing desire to play the Ashes in England next year – retired earlier than he would have liked after a poor run of form against South Africa.

Despite a stellar start to the Sheffield Shield season, the 37-year-old failed to convert his form onto the international stage and was denied a fairytale ending to his career that many would argue he deserved.

But Arthur says despite a lack of runs against South Africa, his presence around the group was invaluable.

"From an outsider's perspective, it could be argued that perhaps his numbers in the recent series against South Africa weren't as high as he would've liked, but despite that, Ricky offered a whole lot more than just a magnitude of runs," he said.

"Ricky's aura around the dressing room, his meticulous preparation, the way he worked with the young players and his leadership are values that cannot be replaced in the immediate short-term.

"Even at almost 38, when perhaps someone with his record could be forgiven for shortening up their training session, he was tireless in the way he prepared, leaving no stone unturned and often the first on the training track and regularly the last to leave."

BRIGGS: I'VE LEARNT SO MUCH IN INDIA

Hants ace hails England coaches



I've been at my best in one-day cricket but with more consistency I want to do better in four-day cricket, on tour, and next season for Hampshire

DANNY Briggs is looking forward to his last week in India with the England Performance Programme.

The Hampshire star recorded match figures of 1-142 as the EPP beat the Dr DY Patil Sports Academy by five wickets in Mumbai this week.

Conditions were more favourable to the seamers, with James Harris (3-51), Chris Wright (2-33), Stuart Meaker (2-14) and Ben Stokes (2-16) impressing with the ball.

Stokes (66) was also one of four EPP players to hit half-centuries; Varun Chopra and Jos Buttler both made 70, while James Taylor contributed 51 before guiding the tourists to victory with an unbeaten 32 on Wednesday.

The EPP return a week on Monday but they have a busy final week.

Briggs, pictured, is likely to be involved in the one-day matches against the Netherlands in Pune on Thursday and Friday and the squad stays in the city 100 miles east of Mumbai for their final game, a Twenty20 match against the Dutch next Sunday.

"It's been hard work out in India, with all of the training sessions, and matches, but pre-Christmas is always a good to be playing instead of just practising in the nets back home," said Briggs. "The whole England Performance Programme (EPP) has the opportunity to work on technical aspects of our batting, bowling, and fielding, so from my perspective I'm learning a lot in a relatively short space of time."

Briggs bowled 33.3 overs during the three-day win at the Dr DY Patil Sports Academy.

"Overall, I'm happy with my bowling, but I need to improve my penetration in four-day/Championship matches," he continued. "I've been at my best in one-day cricket but with more consistency I want to do better in four-day cricket, on tour, and next season for Hampshire."

"The big positive of being in the EPP is that we've got access to fantastic coaches, who are always very positive and encouraging, and the best possible facilities to help us."

"Graeme Thorpe and Mark Ramprakash are out here as batting coaches and Peter Such is the spin bowling coach."

"It's an intensive four-week block of time that is giving me a head start for when I return to Hampshire after our tour of Australia in the new year."

Briggs was not required to bat this week, but he believes he is a better all-round player for his time on the sub continent.

"My batting is a work in progress but I'm improving out here because I am hitting a lot of balls in practice," he said. "I'm getting used to having a bat in my hand every day so hopefully that will make me a better player."

Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



Halcyon days at Hampshire!



ASHES RETURN? Shane Warne.

Clarke refusing to give up on Warne return

AUSTRALIA captain Michael Clarke has not ruled out a Shane Warne return for next year's Ashes.

Indeed, he is so serious about the possibility that he has spoken to Cricket Australia about it on several occasions.

Earlier this week, Shane Warne tweeted that he would come out of retirement if Clarke asked him to. Warne later clarified his position, saying he meant that he "could" play, not "would" play.

But Clarke, pictured above, has suggested an Ashes comeback for his former Hampshire teammate.

"Warnie is looking great and is the fittest I have ever seen him," said Clarke, who first played alongside Warne for Hampshire in 2004.

"From the day he retired I've been trying to get him back in the team. I've asked him to come out of retirement a number of times.

"But there is a process that comes with coming

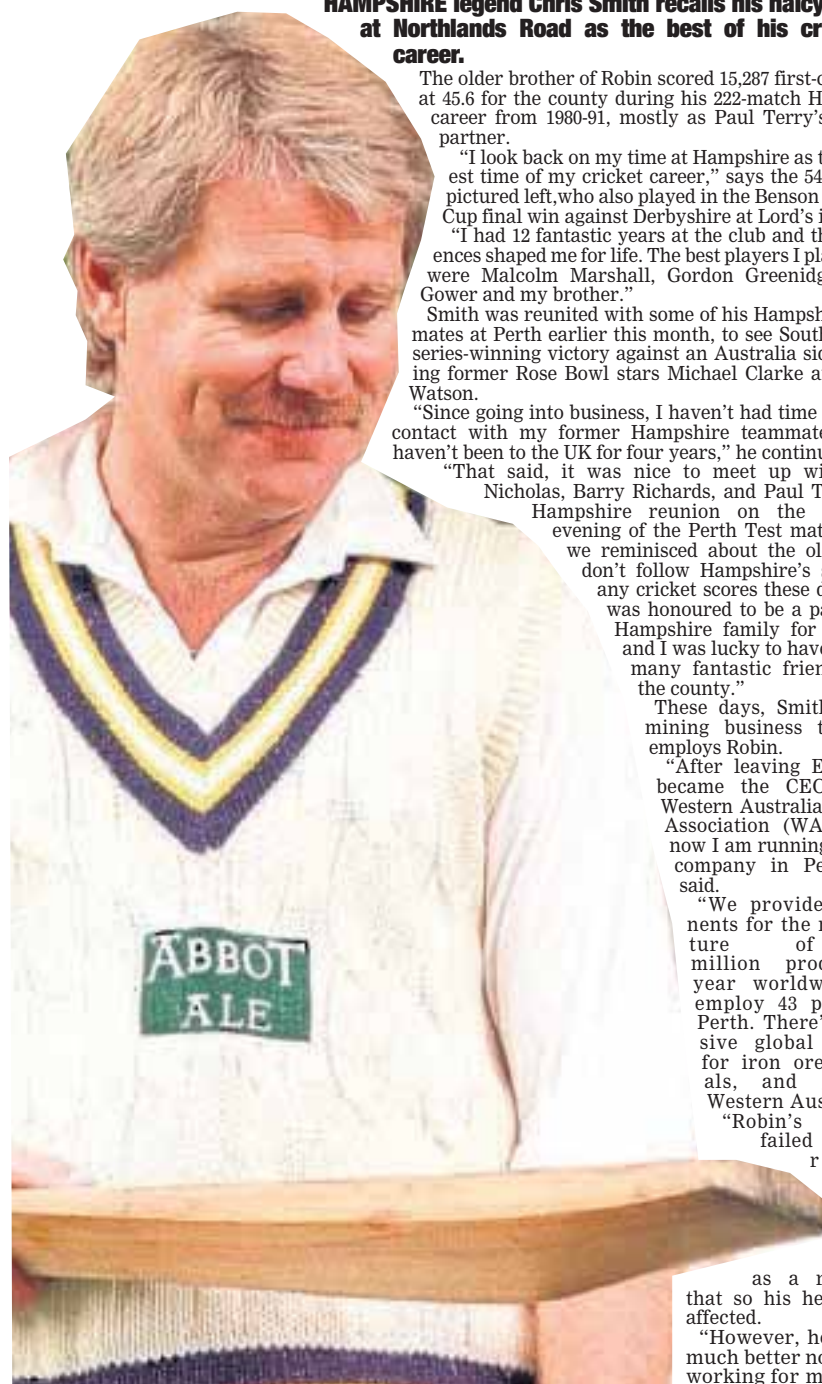


out of retirement and he wouldn't be able to come out of retirement and walk straight back into the Australian team. He'd have to go and play some state games for Victoria.

"I've had the conversation with the Cricket Australia CEO a number of times over the past five years and the plan hasn't changed.

"I think he would be unbelievable if he decided to come out and play. And what an amazing mentor he would be for the team."

Warne has since conceded the worst Twenty20 figures of his career – 41 from just two overs – as the Melbourne Renegades lost to the Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash at the MCG on Friday.



HAMPSHIRE legend Chris Smith recalls his halcyon days at Northlands Road as the best of his cricketing career.

The older brother of Robin scored 15,287 first-class runs at 45.6 for the county during his 222-match Hampshire career from 1980-91, mostly as Paul Terry's opening partner.

"I look back on my time at Hampshire as the happiest time of my cricket career," says the 54-year-old, pictured left, who also played in the Benson & Hedges Cup final win against Derbyshire at Lord's in 1988.

"I had 12 fantastic years at the club and the experiences shaped me for life. The best players I played with were Malcolm Marshall, Gordon Greenidge, David Gower and my brother."

Smith was reunited with some of his Hampshire teammates at Perth earlier this month, to see South Africa's series-winning victory against an Australia side including former Rose Bowl stars Michael Clarke and Shane Watson.

"Since going into business, I haven't had time to stay in contact with my former Hampshire teammates, and I haven't been to the UK for four years," he continued.

"That said, it was nice to meet up with Mark Nicholas, Barry Richards, and Paul Terry in a Hampshire reunion on the Saturday evening of the Perth Test match, when we reminisced about the old days. I don't follow Hampshire's scores or any cricket scores these days but I was honoured to be a part of the Hampshire family for 12 years and I was lucky to have made so many fantastic friendship at the county."

These days, Smith runs a mining business that also employs Robin.

"After leaving England I became the CEO of the Western Australian Cricket Association (WACA) and now I am running my own company in Perth," he said.

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"Robin's business failed after he retired and he had some difficulties

as a result of that so his health was affected. "However, he's doing much better now and is working for me."



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ALASTAIR COOK FACTFILE

1984: Born in Gloucester on Christmas Day.

1999-2002: Breaks all batting records at Bedford School, making 19 centuries in all.

2000: Plays for England Under-15s in their World Cup and makes his Essex second XI debut at the age of 15.

2003: Makes an unbeaten half-century on first-class debut against Nottinghamshire at Chelmsford. Represents England Under-19s.

2003-04: Makes back-to-back unbeaten hundreds in England Under-19s' World Cup campaign in Bangladesh.

2004: Captains England Under-19s against Bangladesh. Makes maiden first-class century against Leicestershire at Chelmsford.

2005: Makes almost 1,300 first-class runs at 48.03, including a double-century in the two-day tour match against Australia at Chelmsford.

2006: February – Summoned by injury-ravaged England from the A tour of the West Indies to stand by for a Test debut against India in Nagpur.

March 1 – Makes his Test debut in Nagpur and scores 60 in the first innings and a century in the second.

June 28 – Makes one-day international debut at Old Trafford against Sri Lanka.

December – Scores 116 in the third Ashes Test in Perth but England lose series 5-0.

2007: August – Makes maiden one-day international century against India at the Rose Bowl.

2008: February – Announces he will put playing for England ahead of an appearance in the lucrative Indian Premier League.

2009: July – Makes a top score of 95 as England claim a 2-1 Ashes win over Australia. November 15 – Debut as England captain. The tourists lose the Twenty20 international against South Africa by 84 runs. Is later fined by the ICC for a slow over-rate.

2010: January 18 – Named England captain for the tour to Bangladesh after Andrew Strauss is rested.

March – Leads England to a sweep of their two-Test and three-ODI series against Bangladesh.

August – Responds to calls for him to be dropped by scoring a Test century against Pakistan at The Oval.

November – Hits a career-best unbeaten 235 to help England draw the first Ashes Test in Brisbane.

2011: January – Scores a series-best 766 runs as England win the Ashes in Australia for the first time in 24 years.

May 5 – Named England's ODI captain in place of Strauss.

July 9 – Leads England to a 3-2 NatWest ODI series win over Sri Lanka with victory at Old Trafford.

July 19 – Signs a two-year contract extension with Essex.

August 12 – Scores a new career-best 294 in 13 hours at the crease in the Third Test against India at Edgbaston.

September 11 – Leads England to a one-day series win over India as a tied match at Lord's leaves the home side 2-0 ahead with one match to play.

2012: February – Named player of the ODI series against Pakistan after scoring two centuries and a half-century in four matches.

August 8 – England go top of the ODI world rankings for the first time after winning 10 successive matches in 2012, though their reign lasts only three weeks.

August 29 – Named England Test captain after Strauss announces his retirement from professional cricket.

November 18 – Completes a second-innings 176 against India in his first Test as permanent captain.

December 6 – Ends day two of the third Test unbeaten on 136 to become the first English batsman to make 23 Test centuries, and the youngest batsman ever to make 7,000 Test runs.

Captain Cook maps out place in record books

ALASTAIR Cook moved clear as the man with the most England Test centuries by reaching three figures for the 23rd time in the third Test against India in Kolkata.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at his five best hundreds.

104 not out v India in Nagpur – March 2006

Cook came to prominence on debut with a marvellous ton but had it not been for several injuries to England's side, he would not have even been in the country. The then 21-year-old was in the Caribbean with the A team when the SOS call arrived and he rewarded his selection by following up a first-innings 60 with an unbeaten century from 243 balls second time around – the 16th Englishman to hit three figures on debut.

110 v Pakistan at the Oval – August 2010

Cook's place in the team ahead of the forthcoming Ashes series was heavily under scrutiny following a run of low scores and this fine innings in London is widely recognised as the one that prevented him from the axe. He overcame a nervy start – edging three times through the slip cordon – and it was far from aesthetically pleasing, but Cook showed the battling qualities that went on to become his trademark, with his 110 exceeding his total from eight previous Test innings on home soil that summer.

235 not out v Australia in Brisbane – November 2010

If his 13th Test century saved his career, the 14th set him on the path to greatness. With England needing to battle to save the first Test against their fierce rivals Cook was monumental. He batted for ten and a half hours, putting on 188 for the opening wicket alongside captain Andrew Strauss and an unbeaten 329 for the second wicket with Jonathan Trott as England declared on a scarcely believable 517 for one. Cook went on to score 766 runs in the series as England recorded their first Ashes series win Down Under since 1987.

294 v India at Edgbaston – August 2011

Cook's star continued to rise and although he had struggled in the previous two Tests at Lord's and Trent Bridge, he claimed a remarkable seventh hundred in 18 innings in Birmingham before going on to register his highest first-class score. His concentration levels were second to none although he fell agonisingly short of a maiden triple ton when he skied Ishant Sharma to deep point. The damage was done, however, as England racked up 710 for seven declared before going on to seal an an innings-and-242-run victory, one that sealed their spot at the top of the ICC world rankings.

136 not out v India at Eden Gardens, Kolkata – December 2012

Cook wrote his name into the record books with his 23rd Test century – the most by any England batsman. This was his third consecutive hundred after taking charge of the team permanently as he once again led by example. The 27-year-old was given a huge stroke of luck on 17 when he was dropped by Cheteshwar Pujara at first slip off Zaheer Khan. Cook made India pay for their profligacy with yet another fine innings in the sub-continent before bringing up his landmark ton off 179 balls. The innings also made him the youngest batsman to reach 7,000 Test runs.

ALASTAIR Cook moved ninth on England's all-time list of Test run-scorers as he reached 136 not out in the third Test against India in Kolkata.

Here The *Sports Pink* lists the top ten.

	Rns	M
GRAHAM GOOCH	8,900	118
ALEC STEWART	8,463	133
DAVID GOWER	8,231	117
GEOFFREY BOYCOTT	8,114	108
MIKE ATHERTON	7,728	115
COLIN COWDREY	7,624	114
KEVIN PIETERSEN	7,281	91*
WALLY HAMMOND	7,249	85
ALASTAIR COOK	7,048	86*
ANDREW STRAUSS	7,037	100

* denotes active players)

Here is the task facing Cook to break into the top ten of all-time Test century-makers worldwide.

	Tons	M
SACHIN TENDULKAR (INDIA)	51	192*
JACQUES KALLIS (SA)	44	158*
RICKY PONTING (AUSTRALIA)	41	168
RAHUL DRAVID (INDIA)	36	164
SUNIL GAVASKAR (INDIA)	34	125
BRIAN LARA (WEST INDIES)	34	131
STEVE WAUGH (AUSTRALIA)	32	168
MAHELA JAYAWARDENE (SL)	31	135*
MATTHEW HAYDEN (AUSTRALIA)	30	103
KUMAR SANGAKKARA (SL)	30	113*

*denotes still active

TON-DERFUL RUN: England captain Alastair Cook.

Local Cricket Spotlight



Sports Quiz

HAMPSHIRE OVER-60s SECOND XI: Won five of the eight matches that survived a rain affected season, with Neil Blakey climaxing a fine season with the bat by scoring 112 in the victory over Surrey. Chris Sry and Ian Watson also made big scores during the season.



HAMPSHIRE'S GOLDEN OLDIES

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ALONG with the rest of Hampshire cricket in 2012, the Hampshire Seniors (those aged 49 years and over) enjoyed a bumper season, with three of the five sides picking up trophies. It was the Seniors' most successful record so far.

If you think cricket is only a young man's game, then think again! It's a life-long sport!

Hampshire Seniors field teams at over 50, over 60 and over 70 – yes, that's right, over 70! – level and are highly competitive in national and regional competitions.

The Over 50s 1st XI reached the semi-final of the ECB 50-plus county championships – the first time they've made it past the quarter-final – just losing out to Lancashire who were subsequently beaten in a close-fought final by Derbyshire.

Meanwhile, the Hampshire Seniors 2nd XI won the D&M Southern Counties League for the first time.

The Over 60s first team won the "bowl" competition in the Spitfire national over 60s competition and the second team shares the plate with Wales for the Spitfire 2nd XI competition.

The over 70s, in partnership with Berkshire, competed well in the Spitfire national over 70s competition.



HAMPSHIRE SENIORS OVER-50S 1ST XI: Back row (from left): Colin Handley (12th man), Chris Wheeler, Kevin Poulter, John Robinson, Keith Harsham, Andrew O'Kelly, Tony Oxley, Dick Batchelor (scorer). Front: Neill Sutherland, Dave Griffiths, Ian Britton (captain), Colin Day and Barry Goodman.



HAMPSHIRE SENIORS' PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: (from left): Chris Wheeler, Paul Barsby, Mike Swain, Neil Blacky and Jan Bridle pictured with their individual awards at the presentation dinner.

- 1 Newcastle striker Demba Ba spent four years with which German club before joining West Ham in 2011?
- 2 Thomond Park is the home ground of which RaboDirect PRO12 team?
- 3 England Test cricket captain Alastair Cook will turn how old on Christmas Day?
- 4 What nationality is boxer Mike Kessler, right?
- 5 What is the nickname of Charlotte's NBA team?
- 6 Mark Sanchez is the quarterback for which NFL side?
- 7 Liverpool signed Luis Suarez from which Dutch club?
8. How many Olympic medals has swimmer Rebecca Adlington won in her career?
9. Alastair Cook's current highest Test score of 294 came against which country?



10. How many league goals has Mario Balotelli, left, scored so far this season?
- 11 At which Olympic Games did Lance Armstrong win a bronze medal?
- 12 Where will this season's Europa League final be held?
- 13 How many Test caps did Ricky Ponting win before his retirement this week?
- 14 Who was the first Swedish player to appear at the Ryder Cup?
- 15 Which NFL franchise won the AFC Western Conference last weekend?
16. In which year did David Beckham win the last of his England caps?
17. Which of the Formula One teams that competed in 2012 was missing from the announced preliminary field for 2013?
18. Which country does snooker player Marco Fu come from?
19. Which club was Avram Grant most recently in charge of?
20. The St Louis Rams NFL franchise called which city home until moving in 1995?



ANSWERS

Answers: 1 Hoffenheim; 2 Munster; 3 28; 4 Danish; 5 The Bobcats; 6 New York Jets; 7 Ajax; 8 four (two golds, two bronze); 9 India; 10 One; 11 Sydney (2000); 12 Amsterdam Arena; 13 168; 14 Joakim Haeggman (1993); 15 Denver Broncos; 16 2009; 17 HRT; 18 Belgrade; 19. Partizan

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Horse Racing

NO CROSS TO BEAR AT KELSO

HEAVY ground and four miles will make sure the John Smith's Scottish Borders National is not for the faint-hearted at Kelso, where Mortimers Cross fits the bill.

John Needham's doughty stayer has course form and has seen out three miles well at Utxoteter in the past, where stamina really can be at a premium when the mud is flying.

Needham's appointment of a 7lb claimer in the saddle looks a shrewd move to ease the burden in what strikes as just an average renewal.

Proven liking for the conditions this weekend can only be a plus and it is rare the evergreen 11-year-old puts in a bad run.

A return to fences in the Scotty Brand Paris Pike Novices' Chase can see Saphir River restore his reputation.

The Lucinda Russell-trained grey looked very good indeed when sluicing up on his chasing debut at Utxoteter last month, on what was his first start for the yard.

Connections took their chance afterwards in the valuable 'Fixed Brush' Hurdle at Haydock but he never took to it, as is the case with some horses, and a line can be put through the run.

Lots of cut in the ground suits him ideally and he remains an exciting prospect for a stable going places.

Lucematic could make up into a useful prospect for Chris Grant this season and will hopefully play a leading role in the Kevin Oliver Christmas Mares' Novices' Hurdle.

Useful in three bumper starts, she made the long journey

down from Grant's Durham base to contest what turned out to be a hot Listed event at Sandown in March, giving an indication to the regard in which she is held.

Although not troubling the principals, she was not disgraced and has been found a good opportunity on ground the six-year-old should appreciate.

Phone Home made a pleasing British debut at Folkestone last month and deserves support in the Betfred Still Treble Odds On Lucky15 Maiden Hurdle at Warwick.

As, too, should recent Wolverhampton runner-up Hill Of Dreams, who looks a decent option in the £32 Bonus At 32Red.com Handicap at Lingfield.

A top-drawer John Durkan Memorial Chase at Punchestown sees two of Ireland's big chasing hopes for this year and beyond clash in the shape of Sir Des

Champs and Flemenstar.

With a run under his belt, preference is just for the Peter Casey-trained Flemenstar, who will be better suited by the two-and-a-half-mile trip on this occasion.

SELECTIONS:
CORK: 12.45 Starkie, 1.15 Road To Riches, 1.45 Realt Dubh, 2.15 Tarla, 2.45 The Book Thief, 3.15 Tyrone Tiger, 3.45 Treacy Hotels Boy
KELSO: 12.25 Blackwater King, 12.55 Saphir River, 1.25 Lucky Sunny, 1.55 Knockara Beau, 2.25 MORTIMERS CROSS (NAP), 2.55 Lucematic, 3.25 Ballybanks
LINGFIELD: 11.50 Ada Lovelace, 12.20 Pharaoh Jake, 12.50 Item, 1.20 Gunner Will, 1.50 Dewala, 2.20 Syncopeate, 2.50 Hill Of Dreams, 3.20 Resplendent Alpha
PUNCHESTOWN: 12.30 Pride Ofthe Parish, 1.00 Waahbe, 1.30 Whatdreamsmaeof, 2.00 Flemenstar, 2.30 Lord Windermere, 3.00 Caduceus, 3.30 Redundant Man
WARWICK: 12.40 In The Crowd, 1.10 Refusal, 1.40 Nozic, 2.10 Phone Home, 2.40 Plum Pudding, 3.10 Earcomesthedream, 3.40 Fortyscore
DOUBLE: Mortimers Cross and Lucematic

WARWICK

Going: Soft

12.40 BETFRED 'THE HOME OF GOALS GALORE' JUVENILE HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 3YO only 2m Penalty Value £3,249.

101	136	DALMO (48) Dr R Newland 11 5	.....	T J O'Brien
102	F4	ARTE DEL CALCIO (24) A Carroll 10 12	.....	L Edwards
103	6	ASIAN PRINCE (IRE) (47) A J Lidderdale 10 12	.....	W Kennedy
104		BEST IN SHOW (F45) R Curtis 10 12	.....	T Garner (7)
105		BORDONI (USA) (F81) J P Ferguson 10 12	.....	D O'Regan
106	3	CASH INJECTION (38) Miss K George 10 12	.....	A Thornton
107		DANCE WITH ME (IRE) (F100) J Geake 10 12	.....	M Grant
108		EXTREMELY ALERT (F53) M Bell 10 12	.....	P Moloney
109		HECTOR'S CHANCE (F38) Mrs H Main 10 12	.....	F de Giles
110	3	IN THE CROWD (IRE) (24) R J Price 10 12	.....	D Bass
111	03	OH SO CHARMING (19) M Gillard 10 12	.....	T Phelan
112		ONE FOR THE GIRLS (F61) N Vaughan 10 12	.....	S Quinlan
113		PALUS SAN MARCO (IRE) (F62) G McPherson 10 12	.....	W Hutchinson
114	45	POETIC POWER (IRE) (35) Williams 10 12	.....	P Brennan
115	P5	WATT BROODERICK (IRE) (25) Williams 10 12	.....	Robert McCarthy (5)
116	24	ALLUSIVE POWER (IRE) (20) Mrs A Brooks 10 5	.....	C Poste

BETTING: 5-4 Bordonni, 7-1 Allusive Power, 8-1 In The Crowd, 10-1 Arte Del Calcio, 12-1 Palus San Marco, 14-1 Poetic Power, Dalmo, 16-1 Extremely Alert, 20-1 others.

1.10 BETFRED MOBILE BEGINNERS' CHASE (CLASS 4). £5,600 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £3,639.

201	5F60-P	BOBBY DOVE (38) A Price 5 11 0	.....	R T Dunne (3)
202	335-6	GREYWELL BOY (41) N Williams 5 11 0	.....	D Jacob
203	455000	HANDSOME BUDDY (IRE) (32) M Gates 5 11 0	.....	Mr N De Boynville (7)
204	050P-	HOARE ABNEY (IRE) (248) T George 6 11 0	.....	P Brennan
205	080-	IT IS WHAT IT IS (IRE) (266) J O'Neill 5 11 0	.....	R McLernon
206	033-43	PRINCE OF DREAMS (24) E De Giles 5 11 0	.....	F de Giles
207	5312-2	SANDYNOW (IRE) (218) C(BF) H Daily 7 11 0	.....	J Greenall (3)
208	/01-04	TO LIVE (FR) (46) N Gifford 5 11 0	.....	A P McCoy

2.40 REFUSAL (26) Mrs C Bailey 4 10 8 T Messenger
SPECIAL ROBON (FR) (34) D(BF) Miss V Williams 4 10 8A Coleman
FAHA (IRE) (49) (D) A Tunnell 6 10 7 G Tumley
PAMPELONNE (IRE) (25) C Longdon 6 10 7 N Fahy
FULGORA (24) (D) B Powell 4 10 1 S P Jones

BETTING: 9-2 Prince Of Dreams, 5-1 Sandynew, 6-1 Special Robon, Pampelonne, 7-1 Hoare Abbey, 8-1 To Live, Refusal, 12-1 Greywell Boy, 16-1 others.

1.40 BETFRED 'THE BONUS KING' HANDICAP CHASE (THE JOCKEY CLUB GRASSROOTS JUMPS SERIES QUALIFIER) (CLASS 4). £6,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £3,899.

301	6-6314	FINTAN (22) (D) B Summers 9 11 12	.....	T Messenger
302	2521-5	UNFORGETTABLE (IRE) (7) (D) R Dickinson 9 11 11	.....	DOUBTFUL
303	0P1-42	NOZIC (FR) (20) Miss Z Davison 11 11 10	.....	Gemma G-Davison (5)
304	00-400	CHRISTOPHER WREN (USA) (40) (D) N Gifford 5 11 7	.....	A P McCoy
305	145-20	GEORGE NYMPTON (IRE) (46) (CD) N Williams 6 11 7	.....	N Fahy
306	40-630	CAPTAIN PAULIE (IRE) (69) D Williams 9 11 7	.....	P Moloney
307	00-145	KYKATE (27) (D) W Kinsey 6 11 5	.....	C Huxley
308	660-01	CRANKY CORNER (28) (D) Mrs H Nelmes 8 11 4	.....	S Thomas
309	P5-063	MARELNO (GER) (10) A Middleton 6 10 10	.....	C Poste

BETTING: 11-4 Cranky Corner, 4-1 Mareldno, 5-1 Fintan, 6-1 George Nympton, 8-1 Christopher Wren, Nozic, 10-1 Captain Paulie, 12-1 Kykate.

2.10 BETFRED STILL TREBLE ODDS ON LUCKY15 MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 5f Penalty Value £3,249.

401	3-	BALLYMURRY (IRE) (575) C Mann 6 11 0	.....	S Thomas
402	2-0	CHOSEN DREAM (IRE) (69) J O'Neill 5 11 0	.....	M Linehan (7)
403	2530-	COWBRIDGE (IRE) (385) P Pritchard 6 11 0	.....	J Doyle
404	FU21-4	CYRIEN STAR (38) H Daly 5 11 0	.....	R Johnson
405	50-6	FURTHER MORE (IRE) (51) Miss E Lavelle 5 11 0	.....	D Elsworth
406		MECOX BAY (IRE) (F209) Jennie Candlish 5 11 0	.....	A O'Keefe
407	F44-	OYSTER SHELL (229) H Daly 5 11 0	.....	J Greenall (3)
408	0552-2	PHONE HOME (IRE) (19) N Mitchell 5 11 0	.....	D Jacob
409	1-4	SALMANAZAR (33) A King 4 11 0	.....	R Thornton

BETTING: 8-13 Tarla, 7-2 Mae's Choice, 6-1 Dazzling Susie, 12-1 Onoc Seoda, 14-1 The Folkies Choice, 16-1 Great Oak, 20-1 Gilbin, 25-1 Our Girl Lucy.

CORK

Going: Chase Soft to Heavy-Heavy in plcs

12.45 CORKRACECOURSE, IE MAIDEN HURDLE. £8,333 added 4 to 5YO 2m Penalty Value EUR6900.

1	0/00-	ANROE (IRE) (248) P Gilligan 5 11 12	.....	R M Moran
2	FUJ0	BEYOND THE TUNNEL (IRE) (41) S P Hennessy 5 11 12	.....	E F Power
3	6452-0	CLAR NA MIONN (IRE) (42) V T O'Brien 5 11 12	.....	P F Mangan
4	54033P	COOLMILL (IRE) (28) D O'Shea 5 11 12	.....	J P Holley (7)
5	P-40P3	DOUBLE EDGE (IRE) (9) Liam Casey 5 11 12	.....	D E Spaine (5)
6	3-F500	ICHTHE (11) Mrs M C O'Connor 5 11 12	.....	D Condon
7	122-16	MORE MADNESS (IRE) (218) T O'Brien 5 11 12	.....	R J Jones (3)
8	R510-3	STARKIE (3) (D) H de Bromhead 5 11 12	.....	B J Cooper
9	0	THE BUGLER (IRE) (100) S Byrne 5 11 12	.....	A D Leigh
10	P-FPP3	ADROON BRIDGE (IRE) (11) Joseph Quinn 4 11 9	.....	M Darcy
11	00	FOOLISH NOTIONS (IRE) (89) R Sweeney 4 11 9	.....	A P Thornton
12	44	JUBILEE YEAR (IRE) (38) J Walsh 4 11 9	.....	B T O'Connell
13	0	REBEL AGAIN (IRE) (69) W J Burke 4 11 9	.....	J R Barry
14	6PP	ROADTOHEISSLAND (IRE) (7) M Cullinane 4 11 9	.....	B F Cawley (7)
15	0-	SHAMAR (FR) (295) (BF) W P Mullins 4 11 9	.....	R Walsh
16	636	SHANPALLAS (IRE) C Byrnes 4 11 9	.....	P A Gallagher (5)
17	0000	STRATEGIC BID (29) J Taffee 4 11 9	.....	J L Cullen
18	004	WASGO (IRE) (33) P Gilligan 4 11 9	.....	M N Doran (5)
19	-05006	C'EST LA MODE (IRE) (11) R Donohoe 5 11 5	.....	Mr J M Barcoe (7)
20	0	GRANGE QUEEN (IRE) (188) L Walshe 5 11 5	.....	S W Flanagan
21	250-31	WAY UP IN THE AIR (IRE) (21) (CD) Robert Tyrer 5 11 5	.....	P T Enright
22	15-22	FICKLE FORTUNE (IRE) (14) (D) N Meade 4 11 2	.....	P Carberry
23	40	PIECE D'OR (IRE) (31) David Kelly 4 11 2	.....	M Enright (5)
24	00U0	PROFOUNDLY (IRE) (70) D McLamara 4 11 2	.....	A P Heskin
25	P22-0	OVERBURY PRINCE (IRE) (81) T O'Brien 5 11 12	.....	RESERVE
26	R	PERFECT FOCUS (IRE) (569) P M Quinlan 5 11 12	.....	RESERVE
27	06-	CROWNED SUPREME (IRE) (28) P L Hughes 4 11 9	.....	RESERVE

BETTING: 7-2 Fickle Fortune, 5-1 Shamarr, Starkie, 8-1 Way Up In The Air, Jubilee Year, More Madness, 10-1 Wasgo, Strategic Bid, 12-1 others.

1.15 CORK STAYERS NOVICE HURDLE (GRADE 3). £22,917 added 4YO PLUS 3m Penalty Value

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1	155015	FREE TO DREAM (IRE) (55) (D) M Cullinane 5 11 3	D Condon
2	2-2125	BEACHDALE LAD (IRE) (69) (CD) Mrs J Harrington 5 11 0	P Treacy
3	1-2116	DUSHEMBRANDT (IRE) (38) (CD) Robert Tyrer 6 11 0	.....	P Enright
4	U3P0-P	QHILMAR (FR) (56) (D) Adrian Maguire 8 11 0	.....	J L Cullen
5	F-111	ROAD TO RICHES (IRE) (21) (D) N Meade 5 11 0	.....	P Carberry
6	4-0322	THE CRAFTY BUTCHER (IRE) (28) (BF) M Hourigan 5 11 0	.....	A P C
7	1D-13	ROGUE ANGEL (IRE) (15) (D) M F Morris 4 10 9	.....	B J Cooper

BETTING: 5-6 Road To Riches, 5-1 Rogue Angel, 7-1 Dushrembrandt, Beachdale Lad, 10-1 Qhilmar, Free To Dream, 14-1 The Crafty Butcher.

1.45 HILLY WAY CHASE (GRADE 2). £31,250 added 5YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value EUR24400.

1	52-044	REALT DUBH (IRE) (28) (D) N Meade 8 11 12	.....	P Carberry
2	14-11	DAVLS HOTEL (IRE) (363) (D) H de Bromhead 7 11 10	.....	P T Enright
3	43222	ECHO BOB (IRE) (21) (D)(BF) H de Bromhead 8 11 4	.....	B J Cooper
4	1-U123	FOLDUBH (IRE) (28) (CD) J Ryan 8 11 4	.....	D Condon
5	3P-P53	LET YOURSELF GO (IRE) (24) (CD) Martin Hassett 10 11 4	.....	S J Hassett
6	31F-3F	NINETEETH MINUTE (IRE) (15) (D) J Taffee 9 11 4	.....	B T O'Connell
7	P-0311	BLAZING TEMPO (IRE) (77) (D) W P Mullins 8 11 3	.....	R Walsh

BETTING: 7-4 Blazing Tempo, 5-2 Realt Dubh, 5-1 Foldubh, 6-1 Days Hotel, 10-1 Nineteeth Minute, 12-1 Echo Bob, Let Yourself Go.

2.15 IRISH STALLION FARES E.B.F. LOMBARDSTOWN MARES NOVICE CHASE (GRADE 3). £31,250 added 4YO PLUS 2m 1f Penalty Value EUR24400.

1	21/111	TARLA (FR) (24) W P Mullins 6 11 4	.....	R Walsh
2	-22114	DAZZLING SUSIE (IRE) (129) (BF) John F Phelan 7 11 1	.....	B T O'Connell
3	261403	GLIBIN (IRE) (7) (D) C Bove 7 11 1	.....	D Condon
4	212243	GREAT OAK (IRE) (15) (D) J W Nicholson 6 11 1	.....	M Enright
5	040601	CNOC SEODA (IRE) (10) (C) D Quailly 7 10 11	.....	P J Jones
6	21-342	MAE'S CHOICE (IRE) (10) G Elliott 6 11 0	.....	P Carberry
7	12P212	OUR GIRL LUCY (IRE) (45) (C) T Cooper 6 10 11	.....	B J Cooper

410	55-	SALTO D'ALBAIN (FR) (233) R Phillips 6 11 0	.....	S Quinlan
411	P00-0	SHADESOFTNAVY (183) P Pritchard 6 11 0	.....	Kieran Woods (3)
412	2-	SILVER EAGLE (IRE) (238) K Bailey 4 11 0	.....	N Schofield
413	/4-610	SUPERIOR QUALITY (IRE) (170) C Longdon 7 11 0	.....	N Fahy
414	1-	TITCHWOOD (IRE) (287) J O'Neill 4 11 0	.....	A P McCoy
415		TULLY ROE (IRE) (28) J O'Neill 4 11 0	.....	R McLernon
416		UNREALISTIC TARGET K Bailey 5 11 0	.....	Charles Greene (7)
417	00-6	WARREN CHASE (IRE) (374) Mrs A Murphy 7 11 0	.....	T Messenger
418	5/4-	ZAKAROO (35) A Hobbs 4 11 0	.....	D Fahy

BETTING: 11-4 Titchwood, 9-2 Salmanazar, 5-1 Phone Home, 8-1 Superior Quality, 10-1 Oyster Shell, Cyrien Star, 12-1 Silver Eagle, 16-1 Unrealistic Target, Ballymurry, 20-1 others.

2.40 BETFRED ON 0800 221 221 HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 4). £6,000 added 4YO PLUS 3m 5f Penalty Value £3,899.

501	/P1P-P	MARK THE BOOK (IRE) (15) B Case 11 11 12	.....	D Jacob
502	1412P-	REBUS (FR) (261) C Longdon 7 11 12	.....	N Fahy
503	FP-324	TEN FIRES (GER) (21) B Powell 10 11 8	.....	M G Nolan (5)
504	P130-2	PLUM PUDDING (FR) (34) (C) G Smyly 9 11 4	.....	D England
505	16F46F	JACKS GREY (15) F O'Brien 7 11 3	.....	P Brennan
506	0-U545	MISSION COMPLETE (IRE) (19) J O'Neill 6 10 13	.....	A P McCoy
507	3512-4	JOLLY BOYS OUTING (IRE) (201) Mrs R Gasson 9 10 13	.....	B T Poste (7)
508	1114U4	BALLYWEDGE (IRE) (7) N King 7 10 10	.....	A Merriam
509	0-3P31	MUSICAL WEDGE (10) Miss C Dyson 8 10 8	.....	N Schofield

BETTING: 11-4 Musical Wedge, 5-1 Mission Complete, 6-1 Jolly Boys Outing, 7-1 Ten Fires, Mark The Book, 8-1 Rebus, 10-1 Jacks Grey, Plum Pudding, 14-1 Ballywedge.

3.10 BETFRED 'WHEN BOTH TEAMS SCORE' HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4). £4,500 added 3YO PLUS 2m 5f Penalty Value £2,924.

601	13-344	SPANISH ARCH (IRE) (37) C Longdon 5 11 12	.....	Kieran Woods (3)
602	4-2P00	LIGHT THE WORLD (FR) (26) R Phillips 4 11 12	.....	A Tinker
603	123-60	PERFECT REWARD (45) (C) McPherson 8 11 12	.....	T Molloy (3)
604	6-24P6	SOUTH O'THE BORDER (38) (D) L Grassick 10 11 12	.....	A Coleman

8 F-3123 THE FOLKES CHOICE (42) H de Bromhead 6 10 11 P T Enright
BETTING: 8-13 Tarla, 7-2 Mae's Choice, 6-1 Dazzling Susie, 12-1 Onoc Seoda, 14-1 The Folkies Choice, 16-1 Great Oak, 20-1 Gilbin, 25-1 Our Girl Lucy.

2.45 MALLOW, IE HANDICAP HURDLE (80-116). £8,333 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value EUR6900.

1	4221U0	TED DOLLY (IRE) (23) (CD) E U Hales 8 11 12	.....	P Carberry
2	633-1P	CYPRUSORIMILAN (154) J W Mangas 5 11 8	.....	P F Mangan
3	5111-4	SEE DOUBLE YOU (IRE) (32) J Woods 9 11 7	.....	Mr R McNally (7)
4	0-2403	THE BOOK THIEF (IRE) (151) (D) Eoghan O'Grady 8 11 7	.....	P T Enright
5	300-06	BONIFACIO (IRE) (15) (C) J G Kelly 8 10 13	.....	S Bohan (7)
6	55-521	THE BOYS DON'T KNOW (IRE) (31) (D) Arthur Goulding 5 10 12	.....	B J Cooper
7	0-0023	GET OFF THE STAGE (IRE) (31) P G Kelly 5 10 11	.....	R J Jones (3)
8	400045	MAN OF GOD (IRE) (9) J Cullen 4 10 11	.....	J L Cullen
9	32-240	CARLOWASANTANA (IRE) (24) (D) S T Nolan 9 10 10	.....	M Enright (5)
10	00004	RAVEN'S FEATHER (IRE) (38) Miss E Doyle 5 10 8	.....	B T O'Connell

Horse Racing



KELSO

Going: Soft-Heavy in places

12.25 BORDER FACILITIES NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 110yds Penalty Value £3,249.

1	25-UP1	GYMDOLI (18) (D) R Nixon 5 11 5	F Keniry
2	0	A SOUTHSIDE BOY (GER) (36) J Goldie 4 10 12	H Brooke (3)
3	1-22	BLACKWATER KING (IRE) (2) (D)(BF) D McCain 4 10 12 J Maguire	
4	16	BLUE KASCADE (IRE) (30) A M Thomson 5 10 12	P Buchanan
5	P55-10	BLUESIDE BOY (IRE) (33) Miss L Russell 4 10 12	J Quinlan (3)
6		CANON ROW (IRE) (F635) J P Ferguson 4 10 12	Sean Fox (7)
7	60-5	ELMAATIGRA (23) N Alexander 5 10 12	Lucy Alexander (3)
8	P551-0	EVERYLASTING (IRE) (45) Mrs R Dobbin 5 10 12	R McGrath (3)
9	302-4	PHOENIX RETURNS (IRE) (27) G Swinbank 4 10 12	F Davis
10	4-00	ROBIN'S COMMAND (IRE) (38) Mrs R Dobbin 5 10 12	B Harding
11	F21-	STITCHED IN TIME (IRE) (238) Mrs R Dobbin 5 10 12	K Ranwick
12		SWINDY (F478) Mrs S Smith 4 10 12	R Mania
13	OP	THATWASTHEPENSION (IRE) (135) B Storey 6 10 12	B Hughes
14	00-00	YINFORHEROD (IRE) (45) D Whillans 5 10 12	C Whillans (5)

BETTING: 6-4 Blackwater King, 7-2 Canon Row, 5-1 Stitched In Time, 8-1 Swindy, 12-1 Blueside Boy, Phoenix Returns, 14-1 Gymdoli, 25-1 Everylasting, 33-1 others.

12.55 SCOTTY BRAND PARIS PIKE NOVICES' CHASE (CLASS 2). £15,500 added 4YO PLUS 2m 7f 110yds Penalty Value £9,812.

1	31-261	PAPAMOA (30) N Alexander 7 11 6	Lucy Alexander
2	212-12	RIVAL D'ESTRUAL (FR) (35) (D)(BF) Miss P Robson 7 11 6	R McGrath

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Going: Heavy

12.30 2013 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MAIDEN HURDLE. £8,333 added 5YO PLUS 2m 4f Penalty Value EUR6900.

1	5-3F	BLISSFUL MOMENT (USA) (9) N Meade 5 11 12	N P Madden
2	50-050	CARPET ELEGANCE (IRE) (47) Thomas J Farrell 7 11 12	M P Burke
3	0620-3	FUTURAMIC (IRE) (28) A Lynch 5 11 12	R C Colgan
4		HUNTING PARTY (IRE) (2) D Hughes 6 11 12	R Loughran
5	PP/00-	KILTARTAN (IRE) (385) Mrs J Harrington 7 11 12	M P Power
6		LORTZING (IRE) Karl Thornton 5 11 12	B Cash
7	220-4	LOS AMIGOS (IRE) (21) B Potts 5 11 12	K M Donoghue (3)
8	1-2	PRIDE OF THE PARISH (IRE) (21) W P Mullins 8 11 12 Mr P W Mullins	
9	10-UP	TEELIN STAR (IRE) (29) (D)(BF) P L Hughes 6 11 12	T Carroll (5)
10	34/-4	WALKER RIDGE (IRE) (575) J Motherway 6 11 12	M P Butler (5)
11		YELLOW ROCK (IRE) (F256) L Comer 5 11 12	M J Bolger (3)
12		HUNDRED STARS (IRE) (14) J P Fahey 5 11 5	B J Geraghty
13	-42120	JENNIES JEWEL (IRE) (14) J P Fahey 5 11 5	J McCarthy (3)
14	00/0	NATURAL ABILITY (IRE) (8) J S Cullen 7 11 5	D R Fox (7)
15	00	PERFECT GEMSTONE (USA) (57) J Mulhern 5 11 5 P D Kennedy (5)	

BETTING: 13-8 Pride Of The Parish, 7-2 Teelin Star, 6-1 Futuramic, Blissful Moment, 8-1 Hundred Stars, 12-1 Jennies Jewel, 14-1 Hunting Party, 20-1 Kiltartan, 25-1 others.

1.00 I.N.H. STALLION OWNERS E.B.F. NOVICE HURDLE (LISTED). £29,167 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value EUR22700.

1	-23011	SHRAPNEL (IRE) (18) (D) G Elliott 6 11 12	R M Power
2	/51-1	BALNASLOW (IRE) (214) (CD) W P Mullins 5 11 9	D N Russell
3	001-10	CAPTAIN ARCEUS (IRE) (28) (D) D T Hughes 6 11 9	R Loughran

3	U4-P10	SAPHIR RIVER (FR) (15) Miss L Russell 6 11 6	P Buchanan
4	D61P/	AND THE MAN (629) N Richards 6 11 1	B Harding
5	P-0U4P	SNOOZE N YOU LOSE (73) Mrs J McGregor 7 11 1	A P Lane

BETTING: 5-4 Rival D'estruval, 13-8 Saphir River, 5-1 Papamoa, 8-1 And The Man, 100-1 Snooze N You Lose.

1.25 TAPETA & JAMES EWART RACING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 3YO PLUS 2m 110yds Penalty Value £3,249.

1	6-1311	RUPERT BEAR (18) (D) J Walton 6 11 12	Miss C Walton (7)
2	443-11	ANNA'S ARCH (IRE) (26) (C)(D) G Swinbank 5 11 10	J Colliver (7)
3	1652-P	SIR TANTALLUS HAWK (206) (C)(D) A Whillans 8 11 7 E Whillans (3)	
4	0/032-	MASTER MURPHY (IRE) (269) (D) Mrs J Walton 7 11 7 A Findlay (7)	
5	-0F10-	CLAUDE CARTER (30) (D) A Whillans 8 11 7	Mr R Nicol (7)
6	P-411U	LUCKY SUNNY (IRE) (29) (D) Miss L Russell 9 11 5	P Buchanan
7	2225-P	RHYMERS HA' (27) (BF) Miss L Russell 5 11 5	Graham Watters (10)
8	415-26	LEITH WALK (IRE) (50) (BF) D Whillans 9 11 5	C Whillans (5)
9	16-235	ANITOPA (36) (CD) Miss L Perratt 7 11 2	B Hughes
10	50P321	LIVVY INN (USA) (30) (CD) Miss L Russell 7 10 8	G Cockburn (7)
11	16-6P0	KING'S CHRISTER (26) (D) F Murtagh 6 10 2	Lucy Alexander (3)
12	54-00P	CASSIUS (IRE) (30) (CD) B Macgattag 10 10 0	H Brooke (3)

BETTING: 9-4 Anna's Arch, 5-1 Rupert Bear, 6-1 Lucky Sunny, 13-2 Livvy Inn, 10-1 Rhymers Ha', Leith Walk, 12-1 Anitopa, Sir Tantallus Hawk, Master Murphy, 20-1 others.

1.55 PERSIMMON HOMES CHAMPION CHASE (HANDICAP CHASE) (CLASS 2). £18,000

4	1/00-1	HOME FARM (IRE) (31) A L Moore 5 11 9	B J Geraghty
5	51-121	RORY O'MOORE (IRE) (29) (D) Ronald O'Neill 7 11 9	Andrew J McNamara
6	3-2212	TOO SCOOPS (IRE) (81) (D) H de Bromhead 5 11 9	A E Lynch
7	11/2-1	WAABEH (USA) (47) (D) D K Weld 5 11 9	M P Walsh
8	1	FOXROCK (IRE) (56) T M Walsh 4 11 2	Ms K Walsh

BETTING: 10-11 Waabeh, 6-1 Balnaslow, 13-2 Shrapnel, 8-1 Rory O'Moore, 10-1 Too Scoops, Foxrock, 12-1 Home Farm, Captain Arcus.

1.30 BLUE SQUARE BET HANDICAP HURDLE (80-109). £9,167 added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f Penalty Value EUR7600.

1	112014	LADY OLWYN (IRE) (21) (D) J C McConnell 7 11 10	B J Geraghty
2	0F-664	ALASTY (IRE) (35) K P Egan 6 11 9	B Cash
3	614-21	FOLLOWMEUPTOCCARLOW (IRE) (21) (CD) T Donohue 9 11 9	Mr R Deegan (7)
4	-40400	PACO JACK (IRE) (14) (CD) P J Rothwell 8 11 8	P Townend
5	/20-63	FIRE BELT (IRE) (18) Brian Nolan 7 11 5	B R Dalton (5)
6	6-0631	LOOKOUTNOW (IRE) (25) (D) Eoin Doyle 7 11 4	M P Butler (5)
7	041205	UNDERDEFLOORBOARDS (IRE) (15) (D) G Webb 6 11 0	Andrew J McNamara
8	2-0403	VOLKIS O'BULE (FR) (15) (C) Andrew Slattery 7 11 0	M J Ferris
9	04P100	CHERRYANTAR (IRE) (41) (D) I Madden 8 10 12	H D Dunne (7)
10	002211	HAPPY NEW YEAR (IRE) (11) O McKiernan 8 10 12	S Crmin (7)
11	04020	TULACHSARAIN (IRE) (36) (D) J Woods 8 10 11	M J Bolger (3)
12	/00-4	BOBSTHEWIZARD (IRE) (9) (C) F Flood 10 10 9	A E Lynch
13	303332	WHATDREAMSRMADEOF (IRE) (15) (BF) Thomas Foley 7 10 9	R Loughran

14	000	CORBALLY (IRE) (22) J Motherway 4 10 8	M P Walsh
15	6001-6	AFRAM BLUE (IRE) (19) (D) Miss M McGowan 7 10 7 J J McCarthy (3)	
16	40-000	WAR (IRE) (F24) J Nash 6 10 4	D J Casey
17	00PU40	TIMARAS PRINCESS (IRE) (48) (C) C O'Dwyer 6 10 1	A P Crowe

added 4YO PLUS 2m 7f 110yds Penalty Value £11,394.

1	6P-0P1	KNOCKARA BEAU (IRE) (29) (CD) G Charlton 9 11 12 Lucy Alexander	(3)
2	0201-4	DEVOTION TO DUTY (IRE) (16) Miss L Russell 6 10 10	P Buchanan
3	122-60	LIE FORRIT (IRE) (15) (C) W Amos 8 10 5	J Revely
4	P10-06	DOUGLAS JULIAN (22) Mrs S Smith 10 10 5	R Mania
5	3U13F/	CLASSIC CUT (753) (C) J Ewart 8 10 1	B Hughes
6	511/PJ	CAVERS GLEN (29) (D) A Whillans 10 10 0	B Harding
7	5FP-P6	ETALAR (FR) (15) Miss L Russell 9 10 0	G Cockburn (7)

BETTING: 7-4 Knockara Beau, 3-1 Lie Forrit, 9-2 Devotion To Duty, 7-1 Classic Cut, 10-1 Douglas Julian, Cavers Glen, 25-1 Etalar.

2.25 JOHN SMITH'S SCOTTISH BORDERS NATIONAL (HANDICAP CHASE) (CLASS 2). £26,000 added 5YO PLUS 4m Penalty Value £16,266.

1	331-44	RAILWAY DILLON (IRE) (15) D McCain 7 11 12	J Maguire
2	1-1P41	HAROUET (FR) (35) P Bowen 7 11 6	J Moore
3	11P-22	MORTIMERS CROSS (21) J Needham 11 11 3	Mr P John (7)
4	04-023	LORD VILLEZ (FR) (50) F Murphy 8 11 2	J Revely
5	4423P-	CAPTAIN AMERICO (IRE) (226) (C) A Ewart 10 10 13	B Hughes
6	/153-2	COTSWOLD CHARMER (IRE) (25) (BF) N Twiston-Davies 7 10 10	Twiston-Davies
7	14P-43	QUACITY (FR) (23) Miss L Russell 8 10 0	G Cockburn (7)
8	U232-1	DEFINITE APPEAL (IRE) (23) S Corbett 9 10 0	G Rutherford (5)

BETTING: 7-2 Cotswold Charmer, 4-1 Harouet, 11-2 Mortimers Cross, 6-1 Railway Dillon, 13-2 Captain Americo, 8-1 Lord Villez, Quacity, 10-1 Definite Appeal.

2.00 JOHN DURKAN MEMORIAL PUNCHESTOWN CHASE (GRADE 1). £66,667 added 5YO PLUS 2m 4f Penalty Value EUR52000.

1	F13-F1	BOG WARRIOR (IRE) (8) (D) A J Martin 8 11 10	R M Power
2	1111-1	FLEMNSTAR (IRE) (28) (D) P Casey 7 11 10	A E Lynch
3	1215-4	RUBI LIGHT (FR) (225) (CD) A Hennessy 7 11 10	B J Geraghty
4	1111-1	SIR DES CHAMPS (FR) (229) (C)(D) W P Mullins 6 11 10 D N Russell	

BETTING: 10-11 Flemnstar, 13-8 Sir Des Champs, 13-2 Rubi Light, 10-1 Bog Warrior.

2.30 BLUE SQUARE BET BEGINNERS CHASE. £10,833 added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f Penalty Value EUR9000.

1	10-005	COMPETITIVE EDGE (IRE) (29) (C) C O'Dwyer 5 11 12	A P Crowe
2	410633	DINGALING (IRE) (28) (D) M Hourigan 6 11 12	M P Walsh
3	2-5030	FINE PRESENTATION (IRE) (41) M Hourigan 5 11 12	Andrew J McNamara
4	34-310	HANSUPFORDDETROIT (IRE) (56) (D) A A Howard 7 11 12 N J O'Shea	(3)
5	1410-2	LORD WINDERMERE (IRE) (28) (C) J H Culoty 6 11 12	T J Doyle
6	2P5-02	MIKAEL D'HAGUENET (FR) (22) (CD)(BF) W P Mullins 8 11 12	P Townend
7	245-33	PRIMA VISTA (15) N Meade 7 11 12	N P Madden
8	1102P-	MADAM BOVARY (IRE) (245) (D) Mrs J Harrington 6 11 5 R M Power	

BETTING: 5-4 Mikael D'Haguene, 2-1 Lord Windermere, 5-1 Hansupfordetroit, Prima Vista, 12-1 Madam Bovary, 14-1 Dingaling, 16-1 Competitive Edge, 25-1 Fine Presentation.

2.10 32RED CASINO HANDICAP (CLASS 3). £10,300 added 3YO PLUS 1m 2f Penalty Value £6,663.

1	030004	MIA'S BOY (10) (C) C O'Dwyer 8 9 7	G Baker 6
2	340012	ROBIN HOODS BAY (12) (BF) E Vaughan 4 9 6	J Fortune 8
3	064046	BANCNUANAHEIRANN (IRE) (23) M Appleby 5 9 4	A Mullen 1
4	040415	LAYLINE (IRE) (34) (CD) Miss G Kelleway 5 9 3	R Winston 2
5	0-0010	SHAMIR (39) (C) Miss J Crowley 5 9 0	J Mongan 3
6	321	HILL STREET (IRE) (198) (C) J Gosden 3 8 12	R Havlin 7
7	250102	VIEWPOINT (IR) (5) R Hannan 3 8 8	K O'Neill 4
8	61-001	TROIS VALLEES (USA) (11) J Tate 3 8 5	S De Sousa 5

BETTING: 5-2 Robin Hoods Bay, 4-1 Hill Street, 9-2 Trois Vallees, 13-2 Viewpoint, 8-1 Mia's Boy, 10-1 Layline, Bannucanahairann, 14-1 Shamir.

2.40 32RED.COM HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £6,300 added 3YO PLUS 1m Penalty Value £4,295.

1	246656	JACK WHO'S HE (IRE) (12) P Evans 3 9 6	11
2	610404	PATRIOTIC (IRE) (17) (D) C Dwyer 4 9 6	G Lee 1
3	000000	LOYALTY (10) (CD) D Shaw 5 9 6	M Dwyer 4
4	303213	FABLED CITY (USA) (21) C Cox 3 9 6	A Kirby 10
5	303000	CALIFORNIA ENGLISH (IRE) (110) (D) M Botti 3 9 3	C Catlin 8
6	262565	FOLLOW THE FLAG (IRE) (12) (CD) A McCabe 8 9 2	S Sanders 6
7	056040	FANTASY GLADIATOR (19) (D) R Cowell 6 9 2	J Crowley 7
8	105005	MIAMI GATOR (IRE) (77) (C)(D) Mrs K Burke 5 9 2	R Kingscote 2
9	060462	AQUILONUS (IRE) (17) (D)(BF) S C Williams 3 9 1	J P Spencer 3
10	166003	MORANT BAY (IRE) (17) J Williams 3 8 13	S Donohoe 5
11	-60010	WORDISMYBOND (70) (D) P Makin 3 8 7	S De Sousa 9

BETTING: 7-2 Aquilonius, 4-1 Fabled City, 5-1 Patriotic, 15-2 Morant Bay, 10-1 Jack Who's He, Follow The Flag, 12-1 California English, 14-1 Fantasy Gladiator, Miami Gator, Loyalty, 16-1 Wordismybond.

3.10 32RED SUPPORTING BRITISH RACING

2.55

KEVIN OLIVER CHRISTMAS MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £4,500 added 4YO PLUS 2m 6f 110yds Penalty Value £2,924.

1	/46-16	JULIA TOO (27) W Amos 5 11 3	A Voy (3)
2	342-51	LITTLE GLENSHIE (IRE) (23) N Alexander 6 11 3 Lucy Alexander (3)	
3	323-22	GOLDEN SPARKLE (IRE) (31) I Duncan 6 10 10	D Costello
4	130-	LUCEMATIC (274) C Grant 6 10 10	R Mania
5	0	POP SOCKS (30) Miss T Waggott 5 10 10	A P Lane
6	620-	SHE WILL ROCK YOU (IRE) (240) Miss L Russell 5 10 10 P Buchanan	

BETTING: 13-8 Little Glenshee, 5-2 Golden Sparkle, 11-2 Lucematic, 6-1 Julia Too, She Will Rock You, 50-1 Pop Socks.

3.25 ENS LTD 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 5). £3,000 added 3YO PLUS 3m 3f Penalty Value £1,949.

1	-30400	LORD OF DRUMS (IRE) (23) Miss L Russell 6 11 12	P Buchanan
2	P6P-1P	CAUGHT IN THE ACT (IRE) (18) (C)(BF) N Alexander 5 11 6	Lucy Alexander (3)
3	346222	BALLYBANKS (IRE) (29) (BF) R Johnson 8 11 1	Mr T Speke (7)
4	0/0P6-	BREEGOUE BOY (IRE) (380) M McNiff (IRE) 8 10 13	D R Fox (7)
5	61R-00	QULLIOURE (FR) (31) S Shirley-Beavan 8 10 7	F Keniry
6	52-414	SHOAL BAY DREAMER (18) Mrs D Sayer 6 10 7	Miss E Sayer (5)
7	14/505	ROWAN ROAD (35) J Jardine 8 10 0	A P Lane
8	1663-P	ALMOND COURT (IRE) (30) R Johnson 9 10 0	S Mulqueen (7)
9	0-4645	ISLA PATRIOT (36) N Alexander 6 10 0	G Cockburn (7)

BETTING: 9-4 Ballybanks, 3-1 Shoal Bay Dreamer, Caught In The Act, 8-1 Lord Of Drums, 12-1 Breeogue Boy, 14-1 Rowan Road, 20-1 Isla Patriot, 25-1 Almond Court, Qullioire.

Sunday's runners

3.00 WEATHERBYS IRELAND GSB HANDICAP CHASE. £19,583 added 4YO PLUS 2m 6f Penalty Value EUR15300.

1	1-1P02	CADUCEUS (IRE) (41) (C)(D) P L Hughes 8 11 7	T Carroll (5)
2	15-250	DANTES KING (IRE) (37) G Elliott 7 11 5	B J Geraghty
3	0000U-	TELEOR (267) B Potts 9 11 3	K M Donoghue (3)
4	4F113-	IN GREAT FORM (IRE) (308) B Flood 7 11 0	M P Walsh
5	2/4633	GLENQUEST (IRE) (14) T O'Brien 9 10 13	P Townend
6	11-016	MR EKO (IRE) (21) (C) J Doyle 7 10 11	Andrew J McNamara
7	44U01-	DE DODGER (IRE) (244) S Braddish 9 10 9	N P Madden
8	0P/560	HEALYS BAR (IRE) (14) O McKiernan 8 10 7	R C Colgan

BETTING: 11-4 Caduceus, 7-2 In Great Form, 14-1 Glenquest, 7-1 Mr Eko, 8-1 De Dodger, Dantes King, 14-1 Telenor, 16-1 Healys Bar.

3.30 3 FOR 2 FESTIVAL TICKET OFFER ON PUNCHESTOWN.COM (PRO/AM) FLAT RACE. £6,667 added 4YO only 2m Penalty Value EUR5500.

1		ACHILLION (IRE) E P Harty 11 9	Ms K Walsh
2	0	BARRABEHY (IRE) (210) William Delahunty 11 9	S E Butler (7)
3	3-2	ISLE VIEW (IR) (37) Jason Cairns 11 9	Mr J Carroll (3)
4	42-	REDUNDANT MAN (21) D T Hughes 11 9	Mr J J King (7)
5	4-	SIZING TENNESSEE (IRE) (245) W P Mullins 11 9	W P Mullins
6		TIME PLEASE (IRE) E J Grady 11 9	Mr Alan Berry (3)
7	46	GOLANEDGE (IRE) (38) E Sheehy 11 2	Mr N M Kelly (7)
8		KATIE CRANNY (IRE) A Mullins 11 2	Mr P G Murphy (3)
9		TARA LASS (IRE) Mrs P Dobbin 11 2	Miss J M Mangan (7)

BETTING: 2-1 Redundant Man, 7-2 Isle View, 4-1 Sizing Tennessee, 6-1 Time Please, 12-1 Katie Cranny

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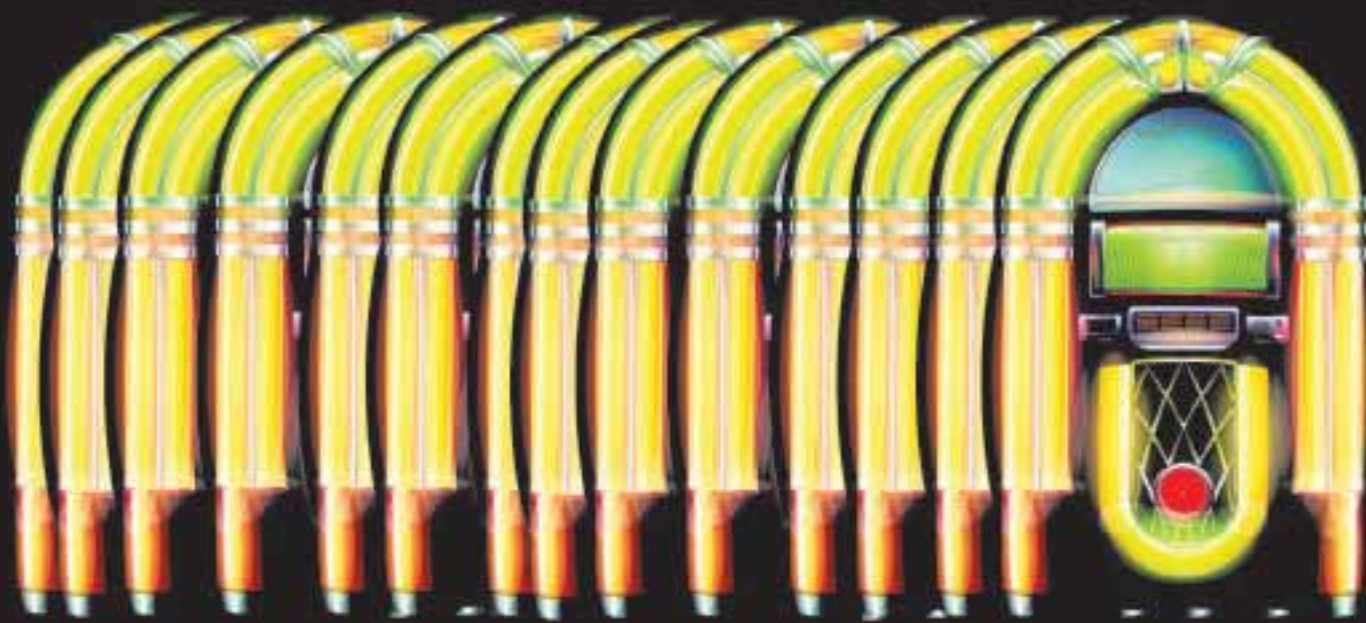
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Swansea	16	4	3	0	7	2	1	5	3	7	10	23	Stoke	16	4	3	0	7	2	1	5	3	7	10	23	
Stoke	16	4	3	0	7	2	1	5	3	7	10	23	West Ham	15	4	3	1	14	7	2	1	4	5	10	22	
West Ham	15	4	3	1	14	7	2	1	4	5	10	22	Norwich	16	4	2	2	8	7	1	5	3	7	10	22	
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Charlton2	Brighton2
Wilson 9	Mackail-Smith 75
Pritchard 70	LuLu 75
HT 1-1	Att 19,018
Crystal P......2	Blackpool.....2
Garvan 52	Delfouneso 37
Murray 64	Diko 89
HT 0-1	Att 15,594
Derby City.....3	Leeds Utd......0
Sammon 15	Green 45
Buxton 66	
Davies 90	Att 25,034
HT 1-1	
Huddersfld......2	Bolton.....2
Knight 9 og	M Davies 70
Vaughan 87	Eagles 80
HT 1-0	Att 16,372
Ipswich.....3	Millwall.....0
Campbell 37,64 pen	
Murphy 50	Att 17,380
HT 1-0	
Leicester.....2	Barnsley.....2
Knockaert 9	Dawson 27
Vardy 90	Noble-Lazarus 39
HT 1-2	Att 23,571
Nottm For.....2	Burnley.....0
Blackstock 59	
Sharp 76	Att 19,672
HT 0-0	
Peterboro.....2	Middlesbro.....2
Gayle 37,52	Haroun 9,20
HT 1-2	Miller 76
Sheff Wed......2	Bristol C.....3
Llera 3	Baldock 18 pen,86 pen
Madine 79	Adomah 88
HT 1-1	Att 20,449
Watford1	Hull0
Deeney 90	Meyler 41
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Brentford3	M K Dons2
Donaldson 43,89	Gleeson 53
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HT 1-1	
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HT 0-1	Lisbie 31,56
Carlisle1	Sheff Utd3
Livesey 71	Flynn 16
HT 0-2	Blackman 34
Colchester.....0	Oldham.....2
HT 0-1	Collins 84
Coventry.....5	Walsall.....1
Baker 29,84	Mvoto 33
McGoldrick 39,41	Derbyshire 61
Christie 61	Att 2,987
HT 3-1	Att 10,986
Crawley.....2	Shrewsbury.....2
Simpson 1,81	Richards 14
HT 1-2	Taylor 34
Hartlepool.....0	Stevenage.....2
HT 0-1	Haber 19
Preston.....1	Crewe.....3
Huntington 89	Murphy 32
HT 0-1	Inman 49
Scunthorpe.....1	CHERRIES.....2
Hawley 64 pen	Grabban 27
HT 0-2	Fogden 30
Swindon.....1	Doncaster.....1
Ritchie 8	Hollands 10 og
HT 1-1	Att 7,700
Tranmere2	POMPEY2
Taylor 31	Gyepae 50
O'Halloran 74	Jervis 75
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